

POLICY COMMITTEE
29 September 2015

Present: Councillors Campbell (Chairman), Beck, Draper, Edwards, McIntyre, Mellows, Morris, Nicholson, Swift, Upson, Westmorland & Wootton.

Apologies: Councillor Briggs, Jones & Riley.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

170 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors should disclose pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest/s in any item/s on this agenda.

The Chairman read out the following statement. Members are referred to, and shall observe, the provisions of the Hemsworth Town Council's Code of Conduct. If a Councillor has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest he/she must, unless a dispensation has been granted, withdraw from the meeting room and take no part in the discussion or vote. If any interest (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) has not been entered in the Town Council's register then you must disclose it at the meeting and inform the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the date of initial disclosure. Failure to abide by the provisions of the Code in regard to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests now amounts to a criminal offence.

No disclosures were made.

171 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2015, as detailed in Minute Book No. 2, 2015/2016, pages 115 - 117 and as adopted by the Town Council on 18th August 2015, be received and approved.

172 REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AS EMBODIED IN MINUTE BOOK No. 3 (2015/2016)

Members reviewed Minute Book No. 3 which was circulated with the agenda and no matters were raised and the minutes were moved.

173 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Members considered the combining of the Leisure & Recreation committees along with the terms of reference. Councillor Swift proposed that a recommendation to combine the committees and terms of reference be put forward to the Town Council. This was seconded by Councillor Upon.

Councillor Westmorland put forward the following amendment: That the matter be left in abeyance until the Annual Town Council meeting in May 2016. This was seconded by Councillor Nicholson.

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173 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE - continued

RESOLVED: That by a vote of 3 for the amendment and 9 against the amendment was defeated.

The proposal to combine the committees and terms of reference was then taken:

By a vote of 6 for and 6 abstentions the proposal was carried.

174 VALE HEAD PARK

The Town Clerk informed members that she was awaiting a response from WMDC on the issues previously raised (refer to Minute No. 124).

It was agreed that the information be noted.

175 HEMSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL LOGO

Members considered changing the Town Council's logo (Matter referred from the Leisure Committee meeting held 8th September 2015 (Minute No. 143c)) and the Clerk gave background information on how the present logo was decided upon.

It was agreed that no changes are made to the current logo.

176 ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Matter referred from the Town Council meeting held 18 August 2015 (Minute No. 137b).

It was agreed that the Clerk writes to the School Governors and Community Groups to ascertain if they wished to join a working party considering road safety matters in the Township which would feed into a Road Safety Committee of the Town Council.

177 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

178 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY – STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGY

The Town Clerk reported on the following:

a. Contractual / Legal issues (including update re: S106 Sport Contribution)

It was agreed that the details provided by the Clerk on the draft S106 agreement and the submissions submitted by the Solicitor be approved.

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b. Strategic Plan (2015 – 2019)

It was agreed that this matter be discussed in detail at the next Policy Committee.

c. Hemsworth Water Park (Greenspace issues) update

It was agreed that the updated information provided by the Clerk be noted which included WMDC's response to previous matters raised (refer to Minute No. 127c).

It was further agreed that additional legal advice be sought.

The meeting closed @ 7.50 p.m.

Tina Pattison
Town Clerk
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