

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 13th November 2017** at Telscombe Civic Centre, 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs T Armour, J Harris, G Maskell, R Maskell, B Page *Vice-Chairman*,
A Smith and J Wilkins *Mayor*

Also Present: Stella Newman, Deputy Town Clerk & RFO (*minutes*)
Nancy Astley, Town Clerk

1119. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Seed thanked the Council for putting an article about footpath 12a in its newsletter.

1120. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr D Wright due to annual leave and this reason for absence was accepted. Cllr Brindley was also absent but no apologies were received.

1121. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Tim Armour declared an interest in agenda items 12 and 13.

1122. TO DISCUSS & APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr A Smith, seconded by Cllr J Harris and unanimously **RESOLVED** that they were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr B Page, in the absence of the Chairman.

1123. TO DISCUSS, APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2017

Cllr B Page requested that the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting on 11th September be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, seconded by Cllr A Smith and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted.

1124. TO DISCUSS, APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE TELSCOMBE VILLAGE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF 5th DECEMBER 2016 AND 19th JUNE 2017

Cllr T Armour requested that the minutes of the Telscombe Village Sub-Committee meetings on 5th December 2016 and 19th June 2017 be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, seconded by Cllr D Neave and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted.

1125. TO NOTE ACTION LIST

The action list was noted.

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1126. BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW

It was noted that this had been discussed in detail at the last meeting, min 113, p 2669 refers, and an updated version will be circulated shortly.

Part 2, Item 1 – Tye Management Plan. It was previously recommended that the HLS Agreement be published as the Management Plan for the Tye. Cllr Armour asked if the Town Clerk had met with Sue Simpson and she advised that she had not had a response to her emails to her.

Part 2, Item 2 – Tye Maintenance Plan. This is an agenda item for later in the meeting.

Part 2, Item 3 – Community Flock. Cllr Smith advised that the flock has now been made up to the recommended 100. He again requested Cllr Armour to send him an update of sheep/lamb numbers, sales, etc so that he can do a profit and loss account.

1127. TO RECEIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2017

Cllr Page advised he was happy with the figures and the explanatory notes made by the RFO were helpful. The income and expenditure figures to 30th September of £76,408 expenditure and £252,639 income were unanimously **agreed**.

1128. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was noted that 3 grant applications had been received the day after issue of the agenda for the September meeting and it had been agreed to consider those 3 applications at tonight's meeting, rather than waiting until the next Grants Sub-Committee meeting in January.

- a) Breast Cancer Support Group – the Committee considered the request and **RECOMMENDED** a grant payment of £300 be made.
- b) Deans Senior Tea Club – the Committee considered the request and **RECOMMENDED** a grant payment of £300 be made.
- c) Telscombe Cliffs WI – the Committee considered the request and **RECOMMENDED** a grant payment of £150 be made.

1129. TYE MAINTENANCE

Cllr Armour advised that there were several areas on the Tye where fencing/maintenance work was needed. He had been on the Tye earlier with Cllr Harris who had taken photos and these were distributed to the members present. There was discussion regarding the works needed and it was eventually proposed by Cllr Wilkins, seconded by Cllr G Maskell and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that the following works be undertaken:-

- a) The area near bridleway 8 gate leading off the track to the Tye is to have the 6 wooden posts (2 of which are broken) replaced with 7 evenly spaced concrete posts. Competitive estimates will be sought.
- b) Cllr Armour will arrange for the cattle grid near the reservoir to be emptied (TTC have a credit for a grid to be emptied). Fencing to be installed by M Evans at the sides of the grid as there is currently a gap each side that livestock can walk along.

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1129. TYE MAINTENANCE (Contd)

- c) The area just up from the locked gate is to have 3 wooden posts replaced by M Evans.
- d) An area of leaning broken fencing south of 'St Michaels' is to have 5 wooden posts replaced by M Evans.
- e) The area by the cattle grid leading down into Telscombe Village is being damaged by works vehicles going to 'Landour' which is being rebuilt. The Town Clerk will make contact with the owner of the property regarding this.
- f) The broken log seat by the dewpond is to be removed by Cllr Armour and he will move a log used for seating lower down the Tye into its place.

Cllr Harris was thanked for taking the photos and Cllr Armour for taking him round.

1130. COMMUNITY FLOCK UPDATE

Cllr Armour gave a brief update on the flock advising that the Council only had 75 good ewes left and following authorisation at the last meeting, he had purchased some more to make the flock up. As they are sold in batches, he had to purchase 29 and the community flock now stands at 104. The purchase cost was £2,550 and sale of 100 lambs had brought in £5,100, with another 10 lambs still to be sold. There are still expenses to be paid estimated around £1,000. He advised that there was a high incidence of ewe deaths and lamb aborts due to dog attacks.

There was then long discussion regarding dog attacks and how to tackle the situation and the possibility of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) was again mentioned. Cllr Armour had been to an NFU meeting and Sgt Foster from the Wildlife Liaison Office had advised speaking to Chichester Council regarding this. The Town Clerk advised she is awaiting a response from LewesDC regarding a PSPO. Cllr Wilkins advised she had spoken to Maria Caulfield, MP for Lewes who was interested in the situation and it was suggested that a meeting between all local MP's and the Chief Constable be arranged. Cllr Wilkins advised she will speak to our MP, Lloyd Russell-Moyle.

1131. TO DISCUSS DISSOLVING TELSCOMBE VILLAGE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk advised that now the Council does not lease the Village Club, there is little to discuss at the Village meetings. Cllrs Armour and Wilkins advised that they are probably going to be on the new Village Club Committee and could be on this as an outside body for the Council. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Armour, seconded by Cllr Wilkins and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that the Village sub-committee be dissolved.

1132. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

1133. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

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1134. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 23rd AUGUST AND 20th SEPTEMBER 2017

Cllr B Page requested that the confidential minutes of the Employment Sub-Committee meeting on 23rd August be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, seconded by Cllr R Maskell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted.

Cllr A Smith requested that the confidential minutes of the Employment Sub-Committee meeting on 20th September be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, seconded by Cllr B Page and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted.

1135. TO DISCUSS, APPROVE & SIGN CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE EMPLOYMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd OCTOBER 2017

Cllr A Smith requested that the confidential minutes of the Employment Sub-Committee meeting on 2nd October be accepted and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, seconded by Cllr J Wilkins and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted. The minutes were signed by Cllr Smith.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Signed

Chairman

Next meeting of the Committee – Monday 15th January 2018