

# TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016** at Telscombe Civic Centre, 7.30 pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllr W Botting, Cllr G Maskell *Deputy-Mayor*, Cllr R Maskell, Cllr B Page *Vice-Chair*, Cllr A Smith *Chair*, Cllr D Wright

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

## **961. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Mr P Seed asked if the car parks would be devolved to Town Councils now Lewes District Council had decided not to develop them. Cllr A Smith advised that as the car parks produce revenue, they will not be devolved at the moment. Mr Seed then asked if this also applied to the Telscombe playing fields, and Cllr Smith advised that they are different and are covered under special expenses. Mr Seed then asked if the car parks could be special expensed and Cllr Smith advised it had been agreed not to do that.

Cllr R Maskell advised that garage sites will still be developed including the site at Grassmere Avenue.

## **962. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Loraine due to a prior engagement and this reason for absence was accepted.

Cllr T Armour sent subsequent apologies due to work commitments.

## **963. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **964. TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr R Maskell, seconded by Cllr W Botting and

**RESOLVED** that they were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Committee Chairman, Cllr A Smith.

## **965. TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Cllr B Page requested that the minutes of the Audit sub-committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January be accepted and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and recommendations adopted. They were then signed by the Committee Chairman, Cllr B Page.

## **966. MATTERS ARISING**

None.



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## 967. TO NOTE ACTION LIST

Min 928, p 2369 – A meeting for the 5 year business plan working party was arranged for the afternoon of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## 968. TO RECEIVE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2016

Cllr B Page asked if there were any more payments due from budgets 4022 and 4030 and if so if they would be under spent. The RFO advised that more payments were due before year end but they were both likely to be under budget. Regarding budget 1050, it was noted that payment had been refused and the Town Clerk advised she was having a meeting with the Trustees on Thursday. Cllr B Page agreed to attend the meeting also.

The actual figures at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 of £121,739 expenditure and income of £256,308 were unanimously **agreed** by the Committee.

## 969. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF INVOICES FOR TOPPING TYE AND COMMUNITY FLOCK UPKEEP

Invoices had been received from Stud Farm for topping the Tye of £729 inclusive of VAT and three invoices for the community flock upkeep totalling £667.15 including VAT. Following consideration it was unanimously

**RECOMMENDED** that payment of all invoices be made.

## 970. C.A.T.'s CLUB

The Cats Club lease at their current location expires at the end of July and is not being renewed. To date they have not found an alternative venue. The Report from the Town Clerk was discussed and the possibility of them temporarily relocating to the Civic Centre. Queries were raised whether the Civic Centre would be suitable and insurance cover. The Town Clerk advised that they will have their own insurance to cover them and having inspected the Civic Centre, they feel that it will be suitable as a temporary measure. The Club can register for up to 15 weeks with Ofsted for a temporary location. In the long term the Town Clerk suggested the disused car park area in Chatsworth Park next to the northern children's playground as a possible permanent location for the Club to be housed in portacabins thus generating income for the Council. This would be subject to planning permission and further investigation is required. It was therefore unanimously

**RECOMMENDED** that The Cats Club be offered temporary rental of the 3 upstairs rooms at the Civic Centre for August and September only.

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

None.

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 8.00 pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

*Date for the next meeting of the Committee – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016*