

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 12 December 2013 commencing at 7.05pm.

Present: Councillors: R E Budgen, C C Doody, A J Gundry, S Killane, S J Poole, K Power (Chair) and A C R Woodcock

Apologies: Councillor V L Penfold who had a prior engagement.

Also in attendance: Councillor J E Exton.

Public Question Time

No questions raised.

.Declarations of Interest

No declarations on interest

37. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 5th November 2013 as circulated, be received and adopted.

38. Income and Expenditure

The Chair presented a report previously circulated as Report No.1 providing information in respect of income and expenditure for the period April 2013 to November 2013. The committee noted the report.

39. Athelstan Players – clubhouse/studio extension

The Town Clerk presented a report on the request received from Athelstan Players to enlarge the total footprint of their clubhouse/studio at the Flying Monk Playing Field. The club had previously been given consent to raise the height of the building and the extension was required to allow for disabled access.

It was proposed by and RESOLVED that the permission be granted subject to the Athelstan Players consulting with the other clubs to ensure the work would not prejudice use of any common areas on the playing field.

40. Budget 2014/2015

The Chair circulated copies of a suggested new budget format to be recommended for adoption by the Town Council. The proposal included for all non-discretionary expenditure to be removed from Standing Committee budgets and grouped under a common heading of "core charges". The Chair explained that a reduction in the level of core expenditure had been reduced following a close examination of the actual level of expenditure incurred over the last two years. The committee accepted the new format and agreed the level of anticipated expenditure to be allocated to Standing Committees to assist in securing their objectives for 2014/2015. It was agreed that the income from Gallery sales would in future be shown in the income for Town Promotion and Tourism Committee.

A list of proposed projects was put forward to support the agreed core objectives of the Town Council and these were allocated a suggested priority to be RECOMMENDED to the Town Council.

Committee considered the impact of the reduced Council Tax Equalisation Grant to be passed to the Town Council from Wiltshire Council for the year 2014/2015 and resolved to RECOMMEND to the Town Council that the Council Tax levied by the Council be maintained at the same level as for 2013/2014, the additional expenditure to be taken from balances.

41. Flying Monk Playing Field – QE II Challenge

The Chair provided a report following the informal meeting with interested organisations held on 9th December 2013 in which it was proposed to recommend to the Town Council that registration as a QE II Challenge Field be accepted.

It was proposed by Councillor Poole and seconded by Councillor Gundry that the Council be RECOMMENDED to approve the submission for registration. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.