

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 11th March 2014 commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Also in attendance: Councillor J E Exton.

Public Question Time

No questions raised.

.Declarations of Interest

No declarations on interest

52. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 11th February 2014 as circulated, be received and adopted.

53. 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 February 2014. The committee noted the report.

54. Expenditure in Old School Room

The Town Clerk advised the committee that he had authorised expenditure on improvements to the electrical circuit in the Old School Room. Greensquare had previously agreed to fund the improvement work but the estimated cost had proved higher than anticipated. The Town Clerk had agreed that the Town Council contribute towards the total cost to a maximum of £450 in order that the work could proceed in time for the planned opening.

The committee endorsed the action taken by the Town Clerk.

55. Payment to Wiltshire Council

The Town Clerk presented a report informing the committee that the sum of £4,500 was due to Wiltshire Council in settlement of an outstanding invoice for the installation of play equipment at reeds farm several years ago. The original invoice should have been issued by North Wiltshire District Council at the time the Unitary Authority was created and payment had not been made. The Town Clerk advised that section 106 funding could not be released for this purpose as the play area was in existence and committee agreed to pay the outstanding invoice from reserves.

56. Community Assets

The Chair updated the committee on the results of enquiries into the process and advised that as this would overlap with the Campus Project it would be discussed at a meeting of that project team.

57. Town Team

Councillor Killane updated the committee on progress towards the formation of a Town Team for Malmesbury. A number of people had expressed an interest in joining the group and the chair had been selected. The terms of reference were being considered and once agreed would be forwarded to the Town Council. Administrative support would be required from the Town Council together with the use of a meeting room.

The Chair had previously circulated the draft of a memorandum of understanding to be used with partnership groups and this was approved by the committee for use wherever appropriate.

58. Section 106 funding for Filands

Councillor Killane outlined the discussions which had been taking place with local residents to improve the facilities in the play area at Filands using section 106 funding. The committee agreed to seek the release of funding from section 106 payments for expenditure on the play area which is in the ownership of Wiltshire Council.

The meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.