

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 1st December 2015 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor A J Gundry
Councillors: R E Budgen, S Cox, CC Doody, J Exton, W R Jones (Chair)
S J Poole and R F Sanderson

Apologies for absence: Councillor V L Penfold

Public Question Time: None.

Declarations of Interest: None.

26. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 13th October 2015 as circulated, be received and adopted.

Min 25 – Councillor Budgen enquired why the Risk Register had not featured as an item on the current agenda. The Town Clerk advised that this would be a regular item as soon as the Working Party had agreed the style and format.

27. 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 2015 to November 2015. The committee noted the report.

28. Allocation of expenditure on new flagpole

The Town Clerk presented a report requesting the committee to consider the use of reserves to fund the new flagpole rather than the maintenance budget. It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Budgen and RESOLVED that the reserves be used to fund the flagpole.

The Town Clerk advised the committee that over the weekend damage had been caused to the ceiling in the Athelstan Museum as the result of penetration of rain water. The cause had been established and remedied and arrangements made to replace the ceiling. In view of the forthcoming late night shopping event the Town Clerk had accepted a quotation from a local tradesman who was able to commence the same day thereby enabling the museum to open for the shopping event. It was proposed by Councillor Poole, seconded by Councillor Budgen and RESOLVED that the actions of the Town Clerk in dealing with an emergency situation be supported.

29. Town Council Budget recommendation for 2016/2017

The Chair presented a draft budget prepared with the assistance of the Town Clerk and invited the committee to consider both the proposals and the supporting financial information. After considerable debate it was proposed by Councillor Sanderson, seconded by Councillor Budgen and resolved that the RECOMMENDATION to the Town Council would be for the council tax 2016/2017 to rise to a level of £189.60 for a Band D property, in part to cover the cost of additional work to the stonework on the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm