

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Policy and Resources Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Wednesday 7th December 2022** at 7.00pm.

Present; Councillors: W Jones, F Smith, G Grant, C Ritchie, P Exton, S D'Arcy, C Doody & K Power

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

PR/22/106 To receive declarations of interest

None received

PR/22/107 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr P Smith

PR/22/108 Public question time in respect of items included in this agenda

None received

PR/22/109 To approve minutes of meetings held on the 2nd November

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd November were approved and signed as a correct record.

PR/22/110 To note income & expenditure report

Members noted the report. It was agreed that a review of the investment account would take place at the next meeting.

PR/22/111 To consider Members' comments and ideas on the Community Governance Review outcome, requested at last meeting

Cllr Grant summarised the events of the Community Governance Review. Following discussion and as a result of the last P&R agenda item, it was resolved that a letter from the Mayor would not be written to Wiltshire Council but that a press release would be issued after Christmas from the Working Group. It was also agreed that the Working Group would re-form in April 2023.

PR/22/112 To consider revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in the South West

It was noted that the consultation had finished but that MTC's request to name the new constituency for this area 'South Cotswolds' had been put forward in the revised proposals.

It was also agreed that MTC will engage with other towns within the constituency such as Tetbury, Fairford, Lechlade & Cirencester to investigate commonality of interests.

PR/22/113 To consider purchase of electric bicycles for Malmesbury PCSOs

Following discussion it was agreed that MTC is sympathetic to the issue faced by local PCSOs with lack of transport. Cllr Grant has been in conversation with PC Jo Phelps and

has suggested a grant application for the purchase of the electric bicycles is made to the Malmesbury Area Community Trust.

It was agreed that subject to insurance and practicality issues, MTC will support the storage and electricity supply for the bikes.

PR/22/114 To consider grant funding application from Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau following receipt of further information

It was resolved that the £500 would be granted to Wiltshire Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) but that it would not be for multiple years. It was also agreed that the Mayor will write to the CEO of Wilts CAB and Wiltshire Council to express the Town Council's grave concern at Wiltshire Council's fund cutting for critical services.

PR/22/115 To consider Wiltshire Council's Service Devolution & Asset Transfer policy & to form a Working Group

Members noted the policy and following discussion it was agreed that the Council is interested in remaining play area leases, open spaces at Avenue de Gien & Filands View. The Clerk was asked to get a plan of all WC owned land that could be transferred.

It was agreed that a working group comprising Cllrs Grant, D'Arcy & Exton and that other Councillors would be invited to join.

PR/22/116 To consider 2023/24 budget proposal to go to Full Council for the 13th December

Following detailed and lengthy discussion, it was resolved that MTC will request £512,852.00 from Wiltshire Council for the precept 2023/24. The £12k that has been allocated for C&TP, Comms Role, will be considered at future P&R meeting to scope out options and to propose delivery of those options.

Meeting closed at 10.50pm