



# MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Policy and Resources** Committee Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7 pm**

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**Present;** Cllrs S D'Arcy, R Hastings, P Exton, L Crawford-Price, J Slade, G Grant & C Ritchie

**Also present:** Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

**PR/24/39 To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Exton declared that he is a member of the Malmesbury Victoria Football Club & will abstain from voting at item 6.

**PR/24/40 To receive apologies**

Apologies received from Cllrs Smith & W Jones

**PR/24/41 Public Question Time in respect of items included in this agenda.**

None received.

**PR/24/42 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr D'Arcy stated that a timescale from Red Hand is awaited on the CCTV installation.

**PR/24/43 To receive income expenditure report and note accompanying summary.**

It was noted that there were several items that are considerably ahead of anticipated spend but that was for items agreed in the last financial year that have been purchased this year. Some nominal codes need to be moved into 701 from 101 (Jackdaws income) Cllr Ritchie requested a net summary of Devereux financial activity.

The Town Clerk was asked to convene a meeting of the CIL/S106 working group as soon as possible.

**PR/24/44 To review Football Club lease and request from the Football Club.**

Cllr Grant stated that the Football Club should be notified that it will qualify to make an application for funding to the Malmesbury Area Board. It was agreed that Members wish to enter discussions to create a new lease to enable the Football Club's ability to meet its need to qualify for funding.

Cllr Exton abstained from voting.

**PR/24/45 To consider report from Town Clerk on creation of Illuminated Twinning Agreement with Bad Hersfeld, Germany (expenditure of £600)**

It was resolved that up to £600 would be allocated for the Illuminated Twinning Agreements.

**PR/24/46 To consider funding request from Athelstan Pilgrim Way**

It was resolved to award the Athelstan Pilgrim Way £500 and that the applicant should also approach all the Area Boards that cover the 36 Church areas within the Athelstan Pilgrim Way in North Wiltshire.

**PR/24/47 To consider support of campaign by Lord Foster in the House of Lords to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bike and e-scooters) and their disposal (report CM)**

Following discussion it was agreed to support the campaign.

**PR/24/48 To consider entering three or five year agreement with Audience Seating for annual service, £2,070 or £3,159 payable in advance (£702 annual) both ex. vat**

Following discussion it was agreed to accept the five year agreement with Audience Seating.

**PR/24/49 To consider communication approach to the MTC vote of no confidence in WC planning function agreed at Full Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

Cllr Grant outlined the situation to members, detailing the actions and decisions made that should have included Cllr Chuck Berry in appeal discussions but did not.

It was agreed that statements should be released detailing how the Town Council has arrived at this juncture and that it wants to see accountability by Wiltshire Council of how its decisions are reached. A draft statement will be prepared for approval at Full Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Councillors would like to see Wiltshire Council Leader, Cllr Clewer, at a meeting to address the issues raised.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm