

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD
ON TUESDAY 16th OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL.**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Smithers (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs A Sauntson
Cllr R J Gell
Cllr Mrs P Whiting
Cllr D Lawson MBE
Cllr C O'Rourke
Cllr B Prigmore
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Other Interests

Cllr O'Rourke – Item 8 – Member of CANDO
Cllr J Smithers – Item 8 County Councillor.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14th August 2018 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)**

No public present.

5. **REVIEW OF POLICIES**

**Unreasonable Complainant Behaviour Policy, Tree Management Policy
Investment Strategy, Complaints Policy**

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

That the Unreasonable Complainant Behaviour Policy, Tree Management Policy, Investment Strategy and Complaints Policy be reviewed without change.

6. **BUSINESS/FORWARD PLAN**

The Clerk presented the report on the Business/Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the circulated report be received and noted.

7. **CEMETERY PROJECT**

The Clerk presented a report on work that was being undertaken on the current cemetery to identify additional cemetery space and examples of what other Councils were doing to address similar issues. In the opinion of the Clerk it would be more productive and better value to pursue exploring further use of the existing cemetery rather than finding land for a new one.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerks report be received and noted. The Council supported the current

course of action.

8. **POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BUILDING**
The committee discussed the following proposal put forward by Cllr D Hamblin.
To consider and study the possibility of purchasing the Library Building on Midland Road at an opportunist price that could be self-financing and report back to full Council.
Following discussion around whether it could be self-financing with community use and whether the County Council could sell at less than best value, it was agreed that the Town Council should wait to see what the County Council finally decided to do with building.
9. **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**
RESOLVED:
That the Town Managers report be received and noted.
RESOLVED:
That a budget of £300 be agreed for the Christmas Sparkle competitions.
10. **BUDGETS 2018/19**
This item was an opportunity for Councillors to put forward projects for consideration that were not already in the Forward Plan.
Cllr Mrs A Sauntson requested that consideration be given for shelters on Saffron Road Recreation Ground for the spectators.
Members generally felt that with the uncertainty around the future with unitary authorities the budget should not standstill.
11. **CLOSURE OF MEETING TO PUBLIC AND PRESS**
RESOLVED:
That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the following items of business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the meeting.
12. **GLEBE FARM**
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: -
That a second legal opinion be obtained.
13. **RENT REVIEW of 5 & 5a COLLEGE STREET.**
RESOLVED:
That, following consideration of the tenants letter, the Council not change the decision to increase the rent. The Council is only responsible for exterior work and would undertake any repairs that they were obliged to under the lease.
14. **RE-OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**
RESOLVED:
That the confidential business having been concluded, the Press and Public be re-admitted to the meeting.
15. **ITEMS TO REPORT**
None.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**
11th December 2018

Chairman

Date