

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on Monday 29th April 2019 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr A Khong (Chairman)
Cllr P Dredge
Cllr Mrs S Hladkij
Cllr Mrs Laity
Cllr Mrs E Silsbury
Cllr R Wilson

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Rutley
Mrs L Hughes, Town Clerk
Mrs P Cleal, Senior Finance Officer

Prior to the commencement of the meeting one minutes silence was held for former Town Councillor Jim Lloyd who had passed away the previous day.

PR18/93 **APOLOGIES:** No apologies were received.

PR18/94 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** The Chairman invited the declaration of any interests. Cllr Mrs Hladkij declared an interest in cheque number 014688, Cllr Dredge declared an interest in cheque number 014692 and Cllr Khong declared an interest in cheque number 014697 and 014700. No other interests were declared.

PR18/95 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Members considered the accounts for payment for March 2019 (previously circulated). The Chairman invited Cllr Dredge to comment on the accounts. Cllr Dredge highlighted some of the payments such as Stratton Creber which the Town Clerk explained was for valuing land near Filham for possible sports facilities: unfortunately the bid was not successful. Cllr Dredge referred to the cleaning and Tree Survey invoices. Cllr Wilson commented on the invoice regarding trade waste and whether it might be possible for food waste to be collected separately by Alpha Logic and could an enquiry be made.

It was **RESOLVED** that the list for payments be approved in the sum of £92,338.62.

PR18/96 **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:** Consideration was given to a report on the accounts for the period to 31 March 2019 (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge informed Members that he

had looked through the accounts with the Senior Finance Officer and informed Members that there were various underspends, with salaries within budget. Cllr Dredge mentioned adjustments recommended by the external auditors which had been made within the accounts. Cllr Dredge asked for thanks be recorded for the finance team for the production of such accurate accounts and to the Officers of the Council for the results achieved in a challenging year.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the accounts for the period to 31 March 2019 and to thank the Senior Finance Officer, Finance Officer and Officers of the Council for ensuring that the Council accounts reflected the work of all staff in controlling expenditure but delivering services.

PR18/97

DEBTORS UPDATE: The Committee considered the aged debtors report (previously circulated). Cllr Dredge advised that he had discussed the Debtors List with the Finance Officer earlier that day and the debtors list had been reduced significantly since the report was sent to the committee. There were no issues.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the debtors update.

PR18/98

FIXED TERM DEPOSIT: Members noted the fixed term deposit term ends on 27th June (deposit notice previously circulated) and considered delegating the reinvestment of the funds subject to the interest rate remaining the same or higher to Officers which was agreed by the committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to delegate the reinvestment to the Town Clerk and Senior Finance Officer, as proposed.

PR18/99

GRANTS 2019/20: Consideration was given to the report regarding Grants (copy previously circulated) and Cllr Wilson proposed that the report be accepted as these reflected allocations in the annual budget, and the Members ratified the report.

It was **RESOLVED** to award grants as recommended in the report.

PR18/100

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Members noted the Health and Safety report (previously circulated) and whilst there were a few more accidents than would have been preferred, the follow up and training was noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to note and receive the report.

UPDATE AND INFORMATION: Consideration was given to a report concerning conferences, progress on previous decisions and other topical issues (copy previously circulated).

Section 106 and sports funding update

The Town Clerk informed Members that she had attended a meeting recently at the Devon FA, with Jon Parkinson from South Hams DC, to learn how the football funding could be used to support clubs to be made more sustainable for the future, but making those facilities more broad based bringing in health and well being, as well as other partners. The District Council are following up the asset land transfer of Erme Playing Fields. Cllr Wilson asked for thanks be recorded to the Parks Manager for his involvement in securing the 106 allocation towards the Cemetery extension.

Annual Town Meeting

Thomas Jones, Head of Place Making, South Hams DC, attended the Annual Town Meeting and has proposed a meeting to discuss investment in Ivybridge, to include senior Officers from the District and key stakeholders from Ivybridge.

Boundary change petition

Cllr Mrs Salisbury suggested that Cllrs have a stand in the Town to inform residents about the petition requesting the boundary be changed. Councillors and other residents had already taken some of the forms, drawn up by Cllr Dredge, and electors were signing up.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) note the information regarding FA funding and S106 money for sports and to thank the Parks Manager for his work with regard to the Cemetery
- ii) agree that the Town Clerk should continue to work with South Hams DC to arrange a suitable date to discuss future investment in Ivybridge
- iii) liaise in respect of a stand in the town to inform residents regarding the petition for boundary change and encourage signatures

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was advisable that the public and press be invited to withdraw.

IN COMMITTEE

PR18/102

BUTTERPARK: Consideration was given to a report from NPS (previously circulated). The Town Clerk updated the Members and it was agreed that there were a number of items which needed to be clarified following the report from NPS. Cllr Wilson highlighted the importance of taking into account the money being spent on the site and the need to start moving to the next stage by looking at the process for securing the necessary loans to proceed. He therefore proposed that the Town Clerk be delegated to pursue these matters and report back to the Council, so as not to create any delays arising from the elections and re-establishing committees. Cllr Mrs Laity seconded the motion and supported the importance of this project for the community.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be delegated to liaise with LiveWest, working with the professional advisors from NPS, with the aim of bringing this to a successful conclusion.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed.....
Chairman

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