

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Held at the Town Hall on Monday 4th October 2021 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr S Hladkij (Chairman)
Cllr P Dredge
Cllr A Laity
Cllr A Spencer

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

In attendance: Mr Jonathan Parsons, Town Clerk
Mrs Pauline Cleal, Senior Finance Officer

PR21/021 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr Bowden and Cllr Pringle.

PR21/022 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** The Chairman invited the declaration of any interests. There were no interests declared.

PR21/023 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Members considered the accounts for payment for the period 1st August 2021 to 31st August 2021 (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge informed Members that he had met with the Senior Finance Officer and looked through the list of payments. He continued by explaining the regular payments and highlighted that catering purchases had increased which showed that business was improving. Cllr Hladkij enquired if the increase in prices for utilities and food had impacted on the figures. The Town Clerk agreed to look into the fuel increases and mentioned that the Catering Manager had noticed some price increases and availability of some products had been affected. Cllr Dredge continued to inform Members regarding the electronic payments and highlighted a few.

It was **RESOLVED** that the list for payments for the period 1st August 2021 to 31st August 2021 be approved in the sum of £75,065.16.

PR21/024 **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:** Consideration was given to a report on the accounts for the period to 31st August 2021 (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge informed Members the Furlough Scheme finished at the end of September. He enquired about income from the Feed in Tariff and the Senior Finance Officer replied that a reading may not have been requested but she would investigate. Cllr Dredge informed Members that only the first quarter interest had been received but appeared to be on budget. The Mayor, Cllr Hladkij mentioned at the recent Planning Committee meeting the chairman enquired about budgeting and staff salaries, it was clarified the Policy and Resources committee had reviewed the new coding structure and staff salaries are now coded to the corporate centre which is part of the central budget process and therefore not part of committee budgeting. Cllr Dredge continued through the income and expenditure and the Town Clerk informed Members a meeting had been arranged with South

Hams District Council regarding Butterpark. Cllr Dredge informed Members that the Watermark was showing signs of improvement.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the accounts for the period to 31st August 2021.

PR21/025 **DEBTORS UPDATE:** The Committee considered the aged debtors report (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge informed members that the Finance Officer had updated the debtors list and there were no issues.

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

PR21/026 **HEALTH AND SAFETY:** The Committee considered the regular update from the Assistant Town Clerk (report previously circulated). The Town Clerk advised there was nothing major to report and added the Assistant Town Clerk was doing a fantastic job compiling periodic inspections. The Town Clerk informed Members that the oil spill in Victoria Park was being monitored and that the sand has soaked up the majority of the spill. The defects identified in the recent Playground Equipment inspection has highlighted some areas which need repairing which has been reported to the Park Ranger. Also the Park Ranger is aware that the gate needs some work and is a high priority for the works to be undertaken

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

PR21/027 **GRANT APPLICATION:** Consideration was given to a report regarding a grant application (copy previously circulated). Members considered the application which had required clarification from a previous meeting and agreed to award the grant of £400 as the proposed location for the defibrillator was good and accessible. It was also discussed and agreed to encourage other groups to apply for a grant as on the western side of Ivybridge there are no accessible defibrillators.

It was **RESOLVED** to:

- i) award a grant of £400 to Julie Nash towards the defibrillator
- ii) encourage other groups to apply for a similar grant for the western side of Ivybridge

PR21/028 **UPDATE AND INFORMATION:** Consideration was given to the report concerning Committee Room Hire (copy previously circulated) and Members agreed that this was an excellent opportunity to hire the Committee Room for education/health services and hoped the booking was successful.

The meeting closed at 7.36pm

Signed.....
Chairman

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