

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held at The Guildhall on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: W Phillips (Chair), R Bickford (part), Mrs J Dent, Mrs S Hooper MBE, J Shepherd, D Yates.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Ellison (part), Ray Lane – Town Clerk

APOLOGIES: Councillors: Mrs G Challen, M. Gee, A Killeya.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

1/15/16 **RECORDING OF MEETINGS – PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHAIRMAN IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO RECORD THIS MEETING**

2/15/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. To receive any declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Interim Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.
 - b. To receive any declarations from Members of Matters of Public Interest regarding matters to be considered at this meeting
 - c. To consider dispensations required

Councillor	Item	Pecuniary/Non-pecuniary	Reason
None			

3/15/16 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

4/15/16 **FINANCE:**

- a. Report from Finance Officer

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

- b. To receive the current Committee budget statement

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

- c. To receive a report on investments.

The Chairman reported that a third investment institution had now been sourced and following a meeting with the company CCLA it was recommended by the Chairman and Mayor that investments be made with the company.

A financial risk assessment primarily noted that CCLA are AAmmf rated by Fitch and that their investment objectives are aligned to the principles and values of the public sector.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the investment of funds with CCLA.

- d. VAT

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

- e. VAT partial exemption for year ending 31st March 2014.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the year-end report.

5/15/16 **CLERKS REPORT ON DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO SPEND**

None

6/15/16 **TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Members considered uprating councillors mileage allowance payable from .40p per mile to .45p per mile.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that councillors and staff mileage allowance be uprated to .45p per mile.

7/15/16 **CIVIC REGALIA – MAYOR’S CONSORT MEDALLION – COUNCILLOR MRS J DENT**

Members considered a request from the Mayor to replace the Deputy Mayor’s Consort Medallion due to its deteriorating condition and shabby appearance.

It was **RESOLVED** that the medallion be replaced within the Chairman’s delegated authority for expenditure and that the existing medallion be donated to the Heritage Centre.

8/15/16 **TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

The Chairman reported that it was necessary to adopt the policy in order to enable aspects of the consultation work to be carried out by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

Councillor Ellison joined the meeting.

9/15/16 **COMMUNITY CHEST AND FESTIVAL FUND**

a. To consider Community Chest applications

189 Cornish Blind Association (deferred from last meeting).

It was **RESOLVED** that the application be referred back to the applicant for a specific project to be applied for.

191 Burraton CP School PTFA

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £1000 be awarded.

192 Saltash Utd. AFC

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £1000 be awarded.

193 Saltash Sailing Club Cadets

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £779.25 be awarded.

195 The Saltash Chronicles Embroidery Project

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £1000 be awarded.

b. To consider Festival Fund applications

61 Cornwall International Male Choral Festival

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £200 be awarded.

62 Saltash Regatta Committee

It was **RECOMMENDED** that £2272 be awarded.

10/15/16 REQUEST FROM SALTASH POLICE FOR FUNDING

No request received.

Councillor Bickford joined the meeting.

11/15/16 S106 FUNDING

I. Lidl highway/transport funds.

The Chairman reported that the Sustainable Transport Working Party has recommended that the fund of £8600 not be allocated to Cornwall Council's Tamar Bridge transport feasibility study.

Members considered alternative options for the funding.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Bickford will seek quotes for lockable cycle racks and a display/mural for the fencing at the railway station.

12/15/16 TRANSPORTATION (BUS/TRAIN/ROAD)

No report.

13/15/16 BOUNDARY/MILESTONE AND BUDGET RESPONSIBILITY TRANSFER TO HERITAGE CENTRE – COUNCILLOR MRS J DENT

It was **RESOLVED** to transfer the responsibility for Boundary/Milestone maintenance to the Heritage Centre and provide the necessary funding within budget availability.

14/15/16 SERVICE DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFERS

Councillor Ellison reported that contrary to devolution package negotiations currently underway which includes Longstone Park toilets

Cornwall Council is seeking expressions of interest from companies to utilise land adjacent to the public toilets or part of the foot print of the toilets to operate a commercial concession which would pay for the cost of keeping the toilets open.

It was **RESOLVED** that STC reiterate to Cornwall Council that it does not want the tender process to proceed.

15/15/16 **DEVOLUTION OPTIONS GROUP REPORT**

Councillor Ellison reported that an initial response had been received from Cornwall Council. However, it had only responded to the long term proposals and not the fast track proposal submission.

Cornwall Council have been made aware of this and further development is awaited.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

16/15/16 **TOWN MESSENGER**

The Chairman reported in detail on the opportunity for the Town Messenger to be included as a centre spread within the Love Saltash magazine to be distributed to approximately 6000 homes.

It was agreed that the Annual Report should also be distributed with the magazine.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the inclusion and distribution of the Town Messenger within the Love Saltash magazine.

17/15/16 **MINUTES OF SALTASH YOUTH WORKING GROUP MEETING – 27TH MARCH 2015 – TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR SHEPHERD**

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the minutes and recommendations therein be approved by Full Council subject to any recommendations made by the group will be made straight to Full Council.

18/15/16 **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Councillor Yates reported that the questionnaires had been completed and that the consultation process will commence at the Mayfair.

He further reported that the budget was being finalised and that a report will be submitted to the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

b. Road Safety Committee

No report.

c. Anti-social Behaviour

No report.

19/15/16 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that the press/public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business.

20/15/16 **AS REQUIRED OR IF NECESSARY**

None

21/15/16 **PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

It was **RESOLVED** that the public and press be re-admitted to the Meeting.

22/15/16 **URGENT NON-FINANCIAL MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

None

23/15/16 **PRESS REPORTS OR ARTICLES AS REQUIRED**

None

