



BEWDLEY
Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH 2017 AT 7.00PM IN THE GUILDHALL**

PRESENT

Councillor Mr S Clee (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs L Candlin
Councillor Mrs A Coleman
Councillor Mrs Calne Edginton-White
Councillor Mr P Edmundson
Councillor Mr D Killingworth

In attendance: Councillor Mr R Coleman
Councillor Mr G Yarranton
Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk
Mr David Moore - Treasurer

058 APOLOGIES

Councillor Liz Davies due to illness and Councillor Mrs Candlin apologised for lateness, arriving at 7.05pm.

059 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

060 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

061 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on the 20th February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

062 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be conducted, the press and public were asked to leave the meeting.

063 TOWN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION

The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the current situation and a debate on the potential options available to the Council was held. Members felt that in order for the Council to move forward with this corporate aim the Council needed clarification from WFDC on their future plans for the Guildhall, and whether discussions around a future asset transfer to the Town Council could begin. Similarly, discussions with the Fire Authority should be held in relation to their plans for the fire station site once the new "blue light hub" opens.

AGREED

(i) that the Town Clerk writes to the Chief Executive of WFDC in relation to the future of the Guildhall building (including the Museum and TIC);

(ii) that the Town Clerk follows up on previous correspondence to Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority in relation to the future of the fire station site.

064 RIVERSIDE NORTH PADDLING POOL

The Town Clerk updated Members on the outcome of negotiations with WFDC over the future of the paddling pool at Riverside North Park.

AGREED

(i) to accept the Town Clerk's recommendation that the Town Council does not take on the lease for this facility as this would contradict a previous resolution made by this Committee not to take on any liability for this asset;

(ii) that the Town Council support the Friends of Riverside North Park in their aspiration to replace the paddling pool with a suitable splash play facility in the park, and will assist the Group with any grant funding applications for this purpose as previously agreed and in partnership with WFDC.

065 ACCOUNTING VIREMENT 2017/2018 BUDGET

The Treasurer and Town Clerk set out the background to this request.

AGREED

To move a saving of around £2500 made in insurance costs into the employment budget heading for 2017/2018 to take into account employer's NI contributions and administration fees.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed.....
Chairman
Policy and Resources Committee