



BEWDLEY
Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2017 AT 6.30PM 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 Miss M Fishwick
Councillor Mr J Beeson
Mr Nick Farress – Town Clerk
Mr David Moore - Treasurer
Mr Kyle Daisley – Community Engagement and Events
Officer

066 APOLOGIES

Councillor Liz Davies

067 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

068 COUNCILLORS' DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

069 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on the 15th March 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

070 ROYAL BEWDLEY

Councillor Edmundson informed the Committee that he had written to the Secretary of State for Local Government in relation to Bewdley's Queen Anne Royal Charter and how this may be translated into the town's name. Cllr Edmundson will report back to the Committee once a response had been received.

071 CASUAL EVENTS STAFF

A report was presented by Councillor Edginton-White recommending that the Council recruit a bank of casual staff to assist with event management, highlighting road closure marshalling as a priority. This comes after the St George's Day parade had to be cancelled due to the lack of voluntary road closure marshals. The bank of staff would ensure cover for civic events and other town events providing certainty of safety and the proper marshalling of road closures. Members raised concerns about insurance, payroll admin fees,

zero hours contracts generally and asked that other avenues of voluntary assistance be investigated further. The Town Clerk reminded Members that voluntary help was difficult to find and not a reliable source of ensuring events could go ahead, hence the recommendation. He also stated that insurance implications would be negligible and that admin fees would be built into the budget for the each event.

AGREED

- (i) that the Town Clerk approaches the Community Payback team to see if they are able to provide event marshals;
- (ii) that the Town Clerk approaches the Special Constabulary to establish their availability to help with road closure marshalling;
- (iii) that the Town Clerk is authorised to hire appropriate staff to assist with road closure marshalling at Mayor’s Sunday only at a rate of £7.80 per hour.
- (iv) that an updated report is produced by the Town Clerk for the next meeting of this Committee with a view to agreeing the principle of a bank of staff for all future town and civic events.

072 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.

073 TOWN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION

The Town Clerk updated the Committee following an informal discussion with Ian Miller, Chief Executive of Wyre Forest DC in relation to the Guildhall complex and other assets currently owned by Wyre Forest DC. It was noted that Mr Miller was due to address the Cabinet on these matters later in May and would report back accordingly.

AGREED

That the Town Clerk continues these discussions and reports back to the Committee with any updates.

The meeting closed at 7.01pm.

Signed.....
Chairman
Policy and Resources Committee