

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **POLICY, RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Tuesday 27 May 2008**

(7.00pm – 7.50pm)

Present:

Tony Lock - Chairman	Steve Hawker
Philip Chandler	Andrew Kendall
Bridget Dollard	Pat Martin
Tony Fife	Tom Parsley
Dave Gooding	Wes Read
John Grana	David Recardo
Dave Greene	Alan Smith

Also Present:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/87 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 25 March and 13 May 2008, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/88 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

7/89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

7/90 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

7/91 APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

(a) Yeovil Football and Athletic Club Ltd

The Town Clerk reported that, owing to sudden illness, the representative of the applicant was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the application in more detail.

RESOLVED that consideration of the application be deferred to a future meeting when the representative of the applicant is able to be present and is in a position to clarify a number of issues, including:

- the membership of the proposed trust
- the young people to be targeted by the new initiative
- the medical and training equipment to be purchased
- the location of the planned training
- the involvement of the local community

(b) **Goodfellowship Club**

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be awarded to help fund the transport costs of the organisation. (S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 - as amended).

(c) **Octagon Theatre Summer School**

RESOLVED that a grant of £800 be awarded to assist with the costs of staging the annual Summer School. (S.145 of the Local Government Act 1972 - as amended).

(d) **Age Concern Somerset**

During the ensuing discussion, attention was drawn to the increasing balances of the organisation.

RESOLVED that no action be taken regarding this application.

(e) **Gryphon West Gym Club**

Reference was made to the need to clarify the admissions policy of the applicant and the reasons why, given the links of the organisation with Sherborne, the applicant had not also sought financial assistance from the town and district councils in that area.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred pending clarification of the above-identified issues.

(f) **Somerset Polish Community Association**

During the ensuing discussion, attention was drawn to the aims and objectives of the organisation and the need to ensure that the purpose of any financial assistance sought was directly linked to these key factors.

Reference was also made to the level of outstanding membership fees, and the significant financial benefit to the organisation should these be paid by the members concerned.

RESOLVED that no action be taken regarding this application.

(g) **Groovy Tots**

Reference was made to the need to clarify the proposed venue for the activities of the new group, its anticipated membership and the nature of its planned operation.

RESOLVED that the application be deferred pending clarification of the above-identified issues.

(h) **Yeovil Division Girlguiding – Bright Sparks**

The Town Clerk circulated a copy of a letter received from the Yeovil Division Commissioner supporting the application.

RESOLVED that a guarantee against loss up to a maximum of £1,000 be awarded to the applicant in respect of the planned Bright Sparks theatre production at the Octagon Theatre. (S.145 of the Local Government Act 1972 - as amended).

7/92 **CAPITAL FUND**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 6 refers).

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the need to conclude the agreed disposal of the former Goldcroft Allotment Site at an early date.

In response, the Town Clerk drew attention to developments that had taken place following the recent appointment of a marketing agent to oversee the sale of the land, and he indicated that a progress report on the matter had been included on the agenda for the forthcoming Town Council meeting.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the current position concerning the Capital Fund be noted; and
- (2) that the further developments regarding the impending disposal of the former Goldcroft Allotment site and the marketing of the former Ski and Activity Centre be noted.

7/93 **MONMOUTH HALL**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 7 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted; and
- (2) that, to protect the Town Council's interests, no objection be raised to the disposal of the storage unit, subject to the three allocated car parking spaces being excluded from the sale.

7/94 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the developments set out in the above report be noted; and
- (2) that the proposal recommended by the Superannuation Authority and endorsed by the Government for carrying out an annual review of each employee's contribution band be supported.

7/95 **CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the following Members be authorised to act as cheque signatories:

*J Vincent Chainey
Tony Fife
Tony Lock
Pat Martin
Tom Parsley
Alan Smith*

7/96 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008**

The Committee considered the report of the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statements and payments therein for the above months be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

Chairman