

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 28 May 2013**

(7.00pm – 8.00pm)

Present:

Tony Lock - Chairman	John Hann
Martin Bailey	Andrew Kendall
Peter Brock	Wes Read
Bridget Dollard	Manny Roper
Dave Dollard	Alan Smith
Tony Fife	

Also Present:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/176 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 March 2013, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/177 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Jon Gleeson, Mike Lock and Darren Shutler.

8/178 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

John Hann declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5 (Applications for Grant Aid – Yeovil Shopmobility) by virtue of his close involvement with the Organisation. Tony Fife declared a personal interest in the same item in view of his role as an adviser to the Organisation.

Bridget Dollard declared a personal interest in Agenda item 5 (Applications for Grant Aid – Yeovil Judokai) by virtue of her position as a bookings secretary of the Hall used by the applicant. David Dollard declared a personal interest in the same item in view of his involvement with the booking of the Hall used by the applicant.

8/179 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

8/180 **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID**

(a) Yeovil Shopmobility

(John Hann, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item, left the room during its consideration and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the benefits of the Shopmobility initiative, which not only provided users of the service with enhanced mobility but also helped contribute to the local economy through increased visits to the Town Centre.

RESOLVED that a grant of £4,500 be awarded towards the costs of purchasing replacement equipment. (S.1 of the Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence).

(b) Yeovil Judokai

RESOLVED

(1) that a grant of £1,500 be awarded towards replacement mats. (S.1 of the Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence); and

(2) that arrangements be made for interested members to visit the Club during one of their training sessions.

(c) Yeovil Foundation Learning Partnership

During the ensuing discussion, reference was made to the proportion of the Organisation's budget spent on staffing costs and consultancy fees, which it was felt should be met from an alternative funding source.

RESOLVED that no action be taken regarding this application.

8/181 **CAPITAL FUND**

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

Members were informed of the views of the Grounds and General Maintenance Committee, which earlier that month had noted the need to identify £2,149 from savings in their current budget to help meet the cost of the Town Council contributing towards the proposed Summerhouse View play area upgrade on a match funding basis.

The Committee had agreed to defer the matter until their September meeting, which was the earliest that the scheme would be likely to start and by which time the District Council's intentions to match fund the costs of the project were expected to be known.

RESOLVED

(1) that the position concerning the Capital Fund and the General Reserve be noted;

(2) that the current position regarding the rolling programme of play area improvements be noted; and

- (3) that confirmation of the District Council's funding towards future schemes included in the programme be awaited.

8/182 **NEW INITIATIVES BUDGET**

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

The Town Clerk circulated an updated summary of expenditure from the New Initiatives budget over the past year, which included a planned underspend of £24,000 towards the costs of replacing Christmas Lights (Minute 8/149 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the previously adopted timetable for the service committees continue to be followed in this exercise; and
- (3) that up to £4,000 per annum be allocated from the budget for the next three years to help meet the anticipated costs of procuring a replacement set of Christmas Lights.

8/183 **NALC CONFERENCE 2013**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that approval be given to the attendance of up to four interested members and the Town Clerk at the above Conference; and
- (3) that the member representation be decided at the forthcoming Town Council meeting.

8/184 **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2013**

The Committee considered the report of the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 9 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.