

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 2014**

(7.00pm – 7.30pm)

Present:

Tony Lock - Chairman	Peter Gubbins
Martin Bailey	Andrew Kendall
Bridget Dollard	Mike Lock
David Dollard	Wes Read
Tony Fife	Alan Smith

Also Present:

Alan Tawse Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

8/258 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 25 March and 13 May 2014, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/259 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Philip Chandler, Jon Gleeson, John Hann and Darren Shutler.

8/260 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/261 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

8/262 **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID**

(a) South Somerset Citizens Advice Bureau

During the ensuing discussion, Members considered the merits of the application and, in line with the grants policy, a number of matters were proposed for inclusion in a Service Level Agreement with the Council.

It was noted that since April 2013 over 1,200 of the Bureau's clients came from Yeovil Town, which represented 52% of the overall number of clients in South Somerset.

RESOLVED that a grant of £2,000 be awarded towards the Organisation's running costs (S.1 of the Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence) subject to the following matters being included in a Service Level Agreement between the Applicant and the Town Council for the forthcoming year:

- Given that the majority of the Bureau's clients come from Yeovil Town and the benefits of increasing access to its services, it is proposed that the planned pilot evening and/or weekend session be delivered on an outreach basis and take place in one of the deprived wards in Yeovil Town, and that the results of the pilot session be submitted to the Town Council
- In view of the significant demand for local services, it is proposed that no reduction be made in the present level of drop in and appointment sessions in Yeovil Town without prior consultation with the Town Council
- In the interests of sustainability and sharing the costs of delivering its services, further information be requested about the steps that the Applicant has taken to encourage more town and parish councils to contribute towards its operation – including those in whose areas drop in sessions are currently delivered

(b) Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre (Wessex) Ltd

RESOLVED that a grant of £75 be awarded towards the purchase of exercise equipment. (S.1 of the Localism Act 2011 – General Power of Competence).

8/263 **CAPITAL FUND**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the position concerning the Capital Fund and the General Reserve be noted; and
- (2) that the current position regarding the rolling programme of play area improvements be noted.

8/264 **NALC CONFERENCE 2014**

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;

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

8/265 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

The Committee considered the report of the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 8 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.

8/266 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

8/267 PRESTON PLUCKNETT WAR MEMORIAL

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

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that approval be given to the request by the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee.

Chairman