

GREATER WILLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
Resource Committee
Minutes of Meeting
1st October 2014

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Tinsley, Councillor Henfrey, Councillor Graham,
Councillor Todd, Councillor Bennett, Councillor Greensmith
Councillor Carr, Councillor Buckham
Helen Cogdon Town Clerk,
Emma Mennouni Community Services Officer

Councillor Tinsley opened the Resource Committee meeting. He informed those in attendance of housekeeping rules regarding the use of the washroom and fire exits. He asked all present to switch off mobile phones throughout the conduct of council business.

ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Smith, Councillor Etherington, Councillor Cogdon and County Councillor Gunn. Acceptance of apologies were proposed by Councillor Buckham and seconded by Councillor Carr.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

The minutes of the 3rd September 2014 as printed and circulated were approved and taken as a true record.

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Buckham

Matters Arising (for information only)

Councillor Todd said he had met with the Weardale Activity Project to talk about how many people had benefitted from the Town Council's sponsorship.

70 people from Willington, 30 people from Crook and 40 people from Tow Law and Stanhope had been involved.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE AND CHEQUE RECONCILIATION

Expenditure for September 2014 was £7,412.22

The balance on the current account at 30th September 2014 is £15,408.58

Resolved 1. Approval of the report.

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Buckham

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REPORT

Budget 2014/2015 was £92,600. Following a request from Councillor Graham this has now been increased by £420 giving a total of £93,020.

Total spend to date £33,306.89

Committed costs are £1,890.65

Available resource on budget £57,822.46

Resolved 1. This is a true record

Proposed Councillor Carr

Seconded Councillor Buckham

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

Two applications have been received.

Willington Ladies Football Club are now into their third season. They have had a successful year having been promoted to the First Division and finishing third. The Club needs funds to pay for pitch and referees fees, weekly training sessions, kit and equipment.

Annual running costs are £960.

The Clerk said the Club had submitted their annual report in respect of the previous year's grant and all accounts are correct.

Resolved1. A £500 award.

Nova Aces Gymnastic Club offer gymnastic coaching for 4 -16 years, across the Bishop Auckland (Barrington) and Willington Communities. 48 children attend on a Tuesday evening.

They are using equipment they have inherited and this now needs updating.

The Club wishes to buy 46m2 gymnastic matting to replace individual gymnastic mats, to be used at Willington, Spectrum. The mat will be a registered asset of the Nova Aces Club.

The project will cost £1,900

They are applying for £500 from Dale and Valley Homes and £900 from The Childrens Foundation, The match funding is not yet confirmed.

Resolved1. £500 approval following evidence of match funding.

7. CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC FUND APPLICATIONS

No new applications received.

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT FUNDING REPORT

The Clerk tabled the project funding report and said whilst project expenditure has been discussed at previous meetings she thought it timely to summarise where we are with regard to achieving the 10K project expenditure budgeted for this financial year.

She said there had been total expenditure of £9,687. However at this stage there was a vat reclaim figure of £1113.49. Members may want to consider

having an expenditure budget figure less vat as we only have £312.71 remaining.

Alongside this the majority of the earmarked reserve project budget has been achieved.

So consideration may have to be given at a future meeting to moving money across the budget heads if more project expenditure is required.

Resolved 1. Approval of the report

The Clerk tabled an income and expenditure report on the costs of this year's Christmas in Willington project. The cost for this year's extended Christmas Lighting display is estimated to be £18,260. In 2014 we will provide the dressed Christmas

tree, three dressed deciduous trees and an extended street lighting display up to The Burn and down to the stone planters opposite Park Street.

She thanked Councillor Buckham for his generous £6,555 match funding application for the project. Councillor Buckham said he was delighted to support the project.

Resolved 1. Approval of the report.

9. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS SECTION 1M TO REPLACE THE PUBLIC BODIES ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 WITH THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 (APPENDIX 1)

CDALC have recommended that all councils resolve to amend Standing Orders to reflect the new Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

Appendix 1 details the amendment.

Proposed Councillor Tinsley

Seconded Councillor Todd

Resolved1. To implement the changes to Standing Orders as advised.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

1. SLAM have requested a Letter of Support for their Inspired Facilities application to install sports hall lighting. The current lighting is poor and causing problems for the over 50s PALS group who have to use yellow shuttlecocks to play badminton.

Resolved1. To provide a letter of support.

2. The Henessy Group care Home have passed an unsigned letter to Councillor Todd for the attention of the Town Council. The Registered Manager, Beth Foster is required under Regulation 31 of the Childrens Homes Regulations 2001 to take steps to ensure that children are effectively safeguarded and that she makes an assessment of the area where the children's home is located. She has asked that Councillors provide her with information that will assist with this.

Councillor Todd said that he thought this information was needed as part of the

Ofsted Report.

The Clerk advised this needed a considered response.

Councillor Buckham said he would take responsibility for this.

Resolved1. To request a signed letter

Councillor Graham asked if on occasions when a meeting finished early can we move on to the next meeting.

The Clerk said no. The purpose of an Agenda and the Public Notice is to inform residents and members of the date and time and the business to be resolved.

Councillor Tinsley asked if we could have one Town Council committee agenda.

The Clerk said yes. This would have to be proposed and resolved at the next AGM in May 2015 under committee structure, composition and delegated powers of the council.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th November 2014

Signed by the Chairman
5th November 2014

