

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 16**TH **APRIL 2018** at **7.00PM**

PF/104 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Cobley

Councillors: Gill, Mahalski, O'Neill, Parry, Perks, Sheward and

Smithers

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

Rachael Ponsford, Finance Assistant

PF/105 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Chairman informed Councillors and members of the public of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

PF/106 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke, Garner, Ginger and Jones.

PF/107 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Member Item Reason

None declared

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Member Item Reason

V Parry - Ludlow in Bloom

Declarations of Personal Interest

Member Item Reason

T Gill 8c Mayor's Charity

V Parry 7 Friends of Shop Owners

11 Member of Licensing Panel at Shirehall

PF/108 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

PF/109 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Cllr Parry had nothing to report at this time.

PF/110 MINUTES

RESOLVED (Unanimous) TG/SO

That both the open and closed minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 12th March 2018, be signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

PF/111 ITEMS TO ACTION

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG

Thanks to staff were given and the Items to Action were noted.

PF/112 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Mayor was congratulated on his progress to date with fundraising. He thanked councillors for their efforts in the recent quiz which raised £540 and also confirmed that the Swimathon raised £1700. These amounts will show in subsequent reports.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG

That the Barclaycard report for March 2018, be received.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/CS

That the PayPal report for March 2018, be received.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/CS

That the Mayor's Charity report for March 2018, be received.

PF/113 MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR'S VISITS

Members of the Committee expressed their thanks for the hard work and attendance of civic events by both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/CS

That the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Civic visits be noted.

PF/114 DEBT RECOVERY POLICY

RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) AC/JS

To readopt the revised Policy.

PF/115 INTERNET USE POLICY & PROCEDURE

RECOMMENDED (Unanimous) AC/JS

To readopt the revised policy with an amendment to include all mobile devices used by the Council.

PF/116 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION

The Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2019-2022

It was confirmed that there are four gambling premises in Ludlow.

Councillor Parry suggested other councillors attend meetings with Mandy Beaver at Shropshire Council when compiling this Policy in the future. It was confirmed that the Policy covers a much wider area than just gambling such as alcohol licensing, lotteries, bingo etc.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/GP

The Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2019-2022 was noted.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/JS

In addition to noting The Gambling Act 2005 Policy Statement 2019-2022 it was agreed in order to share this with a wider audience a link would be put on the Town Council website.

PF/117 <u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960</u>

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 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.

RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/JS

That the public be excluded and the meeting continue in closed session

The meeting closed at 7.26pm		
Chairman	Date	

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued separately