

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2017** at **7.00PM**

PF/29 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Cobley

Councillors: Clarke, Garner, Gill, Lyle, Parry, Perks, Pote, Sheward,

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

Lucy Jones, Senior Finance Officer Rachael Ponsford, Finance Officer

PF/30 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/31 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ginger, Jones, O'Neill and Mahalski.

PF/32 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

<u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests</u>

<u>Member</u> <u>Item</u> <u>Reason</u>

G Perks 9a Query outstanding with the Monitoring

Officer.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Member Item Reason

V Parry 8 Ludlow in Bloom

<u>Declarations of Personal Interest</u>

Member Item Reason

G Perks 9b Outstanding question with the Information

Commissioners Office

PF/33 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public or press present.

PF/34 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Councillor Parry, Ludlow South stated that she has meetings with Shropshire Council's Southern Area Highways & Street Scene Team every 6 – 8 weeks and was happy to discuss any issues raised by Councillors if she had the information prior to the meetings. Councillor Parry felt this could be of great value to the Council. Requests to be made by email.

PF/35 MINUTES

RESOLVED (8:1:0) AC/TG

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 24th July 2017, be approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

PF/36 ITEMS TO ACTION

The Chairman thanked staff for their work.

RESOLVED (8:1:0) AC/CS

That the Items to Action be noted.

PF/37 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

It was noted by Councillor Perks that North Shropshire Scaffolding were charging bi-monthly and asked if we could source a local supplier which would be more cost effective. The Town Clerk confirmed that the supplier had been inherited from Shropshire Council, and changing supplier would require the removal and replacement of a supportive structure, which would be inadvisable.

RESOLVED (unanimous) AC/GP

That the Payments, Income, Reconciliation, Barclaycard, Paypal and Mayor's Charity reports for July 2017, be received.

PF/38 POLICIES

Customer Care Policy

Councillor Perks left the meeting at 7.17pm.

RECOMMENDED (unanimous) AC/MC

That The Customer Care Policy be adopted as a fit for purpose document subject to clarification of the Health & Safety requirements regarding the frequency of play areas check; and the customer care policy is linked to the complaints policy.

Councillor Perks returned to the room at 7.25pm.

PF/39 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY CODE 2015

RECOMMENDED (unanimous) GP/AC

That:-

- a) The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 be adopted.
- b) The Town Clerk reports back to the Committee to explain how the Council complies with this Code.

PF/40 MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S CIVIC VISITS

Councillor Cobley informed of two additional events attended by the Mayor and the Deputy

- a) 10th July Deputy Mayors Charity Night in Kidderminster
- b) 15th July Opening of The Old Dick Theatre

Members of the Committee thanked the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for attending the civic events on behalf of the Council and acknowledged the positive results of their hard work.

RESOLVED (unanimous) GP/AC

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

PF/41 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

RESOLVED (7:0:2) AC/TG

To note that SALC Key Changes under General Data Protection Regulations training is available on Wed 8th November 2017, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Council Chamber, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm

Chairman	Date		
N.B. No Closed Session Minutes to be issued.			