

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019** at **7.00PM**

### **PF/79      PRESENT**

Chairman:                    Councillor Cobley

Councillors:                Clarke, Garner, Gill, Ginger, Mahalski, O'Neill, Parry  
 (7.43pm), Perks, Sheward.

Officers:                     Gina Wilding, Town Clerk  
                                       Lucy Jones, Senior Finance Assistant

### **PF/80      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/81      APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **PF/82      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None declared

#### **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None declared

#### **Declarations of Personal Interest**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Councillor Perks	12	Member of Pride of Place
Councillor Cobley	11	Son-in-Law works for West Mercia Police
	14	Son-in-Law works for West Mercia Police
Councillor Gill	12	Has already replied to the consultation in a personal capacity

### **PF/83      PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were no members of the public or press present.

**PF/84 UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION**

There were no Unitary Councillors present at the meeting.

**PF/85 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG**

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**PF/86 ITEMS TO ACTION**

The Chairman thanked staff for actioning the items from previous meetings.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG**

That the items to action be noted.

**PF/87 FINANCE INFORMATION**

Councillor Perks suggested that Services Committee could look at recycling options for market waste to reduce costs and improve the Council's environmental impact. The Town Clerk confirmed that two of the six market waste bins were for cardboard and paper recycling, but the Council could explore further recycling options.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG**

That the Cash Book Income and Expenditure report, Reconciliation and Barclaycard Statements, PayPal Payments, Income and Reconciliation; and Mayor's Charity Payments, Income and reconciliation for November and December 2018, be received.

**PF/88 CIVIC VISITS**

The Chairman thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for representing the town at numerous events. The Mayor stated that due to personal circumstances he had been unable to attend several events and thanked the Deputy Mayor for stepping in, at often short notice, to ensure the town was represented at Civic Events.

**RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/TG**

That the civic events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for September, October, November and December 2018, be noted.

**PF/89**      **POLICIES****Reserves Policy & Investment Policy****RECOMMENDED (8:1:0) AC/GP**

That:-

- a) subject to further comments from the Internal Auditor, the Reserves Policy be adopted;
- b) subject to further comments from the Internal Auditor, the Investment Policy be adopted;

**PF/90**      **PCC CONSULTATION****RESOLVED (Unanimous) GG/AC**

That the PCC Budget Consultation information be noted.

**PF/91**      **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS****BRING BANKS CONSULTATION****RESOLVED (Unanimous) AC/GP**

That the Town Clerk write a letter in reply to the consultation stating that:-

- a) removing public access to large recycling bins would increase recycling and reduce fly tipping was nonsensical
- b) the strategy goes against both European and Government policy which states "The roles of local authorities and the waste sector are critical at this stage of the lifecycle. As Government we must set clear expectations, giving them the confidence to invest in infrastructure to deal with waste and to promote UK based recycling, and this chapter aims to do just that. And we must, and will, ensure that local authorities are resourced to meet new net costs arising from the policies in this Strategy including up front transition costs and ongoing operational costs. There has been insufficient action to drive better quantity and quality in recycling. We must make it easier for households, businesses and local authorities to recycle".
- c) the strategy discriminated against people in rural areas without ready access to a vehicle because the nearest recycling bins would be located in Craven Arms.
- d) the financial saving would be insignificant considering the potential detrimental impact on the town and recycling rates.
- e) Ludlow would like to communicate with Shropshire Council about the environmental issues in the wider context of issues that have been raised through the ongoing development of Ludlow's Community Led Plan.

PF/92 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

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/TG**

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

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

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Chairman

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Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will be issued for this meeting.