

ST ANNE'S ON THE SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20th October 2020, 6.00pm via the conferencing app Zoom

Present: Councillors C Little (Chairman), J Gardner, S Green, G Harrison, K Harrison, V Settle (6.19), S Trudgill and V Willder.

Officers Clerk Kevin Martin, CEM Sarah Dunn, TEPO Darrel Treece-Birch

247/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Jacques was absent. No reason was given for the absence.

248/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations

249/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2020 be agreed as a true record of the meeting. Voting 7 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.

250/20 REVISED BUDGET 2020/21 AND DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

Cllr G Harrison outlined the discussions that had taken place for the draft budget. Setting the 2021/22 budget will be challenging and it was noted that an increase of even £1 on the precept shows as a percentage increase of 4.5%

251/20 UPDATE FROM DUAL HATTED MEMBERS

In Bloom grant and the planters

Wood Street car park - signs fell over

Planters sinking on Orchard Road

252/20 TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP

[Councillor Settle joined the meeting at this point]

Councillor Little shared the notes from the latest meeting which took place today.

Councillor Trudgill referred to the ongoing projects including the Pier-Link road and the possible siting of digital display signs. The importance of ongoing support for the town's economic development was also emphasised.

253/20 ST ANNE'S ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

A recent meeting took place with the STEP chairman where matters such as Christmas and revisions to the terms of reference had taken place.

For the time being the Town Council continues to hold the unspent portion of the Town Centre Working Group Fund on STEP's behalf.

A further update will be provided at the next Council meeting in November.

254/20 RICHMOND POINT NATURE RESERVE

Councillor Settle expressed his interest in re-visiting the previous projects undertaken here where there are Public Rights of Way (PROWs). A management company has been established by Kensington and the public area is designated as a country park.

AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

To establish a working party comprising Cllr Settle, Cllr Gardner and the Communications and Engagement Manager to look at possible improvements to the PROW area.

255/20 PSPOs AND DOG WARDEN SERVICE

Several councillors raised the issue of dog fouling which has got worse recently in certain areas and further enforcement is being considered.

AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED

To send a letter from the Town Councillors in support of the Dog Warden service and the PSPOs.

[Councillor Green left the meeting at this point to attend another meeting]

256/20 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION

Interest in possible parishing of the Lytham and Fairhaven areas continues to grow and be explored. Councillor Settle would like the issue of disaggregation of the special expenses to be looked at and for St. Anne's and Lytham's expenses to be separated.

257/20 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & SWITCH ON

Councillor Karen Harrison expressed the appreciation of the Working Party to the officers who have worked hard to come up with new ideas during constantly changing circumstances. Working Party meetings continue on a weekly basis.

It was noted that apart from a fully dressed tree and the Christmas lights, everything will be virtual. Video clips of local businesses and community groups will be pre recorded and

featured on social media, music in the Square and festive decoration of the former JR Taylor's window are all being planned.

A further update will be provided at the next Council meeting.

258/20 ECONOMIC DATA ON RETAIL / BUSINESS IN ST. ANNE'S

The TEPO had prepared a report containing the latest statistics on empty / closed premises. Whilst occupancy levels are lower than usual there are still new businesses opening up.

It was noted that 19 businesses have shut since the figures were last produced in July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.31 pm

259/20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on **15th December 2020 at 6pm**. The meeting will be via the Zoom conferencing app.

Signed as a true and correct record

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Chairman 15th December 2020