

## **ST ANNE'S ON THE SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 6.00pm via the conferencing app Zoom**

Present: Councillors C Little (Chairman), J Gardner, S Green (6.40pm), G Harrison, K Harrison, A Jacques, S Trudgill and V Willder (6.11pm).

Officers Clerk Kevin Martin, RFO John Nightingale.

#### **PR14/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Settle was absent from the meeting.

#### **PR15/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

#### **PR16/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021 be agreed as a true record of the meeting. Voting 6 for 0 against and 0 abstentions.**

#### **PR17/21 2020/21 Financial Year End Report**

The RFO presented a brief report on the 2020/21 Year End Finances. The committee determined that no detailed conversation was required as the item was on the Agenda for the next full Council meeting.

#### **PR18/21 Communities and Neighbourhood Group (CAN)**

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update to the committee. The Light Up St. Annes campaign was currently assessing interest from local businesses. The Easter Window Display at the West Lodge had been removed as a mark of respect to the Duke of Edinburgh. The Beach and Spade box project was awaiting recommendations from Fylde Council. Mini litter picks project was in the early stages of planning. Possible future events included Music and Arts, and a children's event on the beach. Clifton School artwork was currently being displayed via social media.

#### **PR19/21 Christmas Lights**

The Town Clerk outlined a quote received from existing contractors to maintain and improve Christmas Lights for 2021. The Committee discussed the quote and agreed that the quote with improvements was within the existing approved budget.

**AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the recommendation of the Committee be that the quote is accepted and actioned.**

**Voting 7 for 0 against and 0 abstentions**

**PR20/21 Shepherd Road and Blundell Allotments**

The RFO updated the Council on recent developments at the allotment sites. Plot lettings having occurred at Shepherd Road. The new communal area nearing completion thanks to the volunteers on site. Contractors being instructed to undertake work at Blundell Road. At the same meeting, the contractors were instructed to proceed with planters around town and quotes were sought for the public rights of way areas. Councillor Jacques informed the Committee of a national campaign where PROWs were being looked at and tidied up. The Committee asked the Clerk to investigate.

**PR21/21 St Anne's Business Activity**

The Committee noted the update report regarding business activity database.

**PR22/21 Policy and Resources Committee Meetings June 21 to April 2022**

The Clerk reported to the meeting that future Policy and Resources meetings would be held at 1.30pm on Tuesdays. It was also noted that as physical meetings would still not be permitted, the meeting would be facilitated virtually via Zoom.

**PR23/21 Town Centre Working Group St Anne's Subgroup**

Councillor S Trudgill provided a verbal update regarding the Fylde Council Town Centre Working Group. The new Economic Development Officer had begun their role. The Town Centre Manager would begin in a few weeks. Various funds were available via Fylde to assist businesses in re-opening to the public. The Subgroup were also discussing a variety of options to support the town.

**PR24/21 St Anne's Enterprise Partnership**

The Town Clerk reported that STEP had decided on internal reform with a new constitution and that we were awaiting further details.

**PR25/21 Domes, Bandstand and Amphitheatre**

The Town Clerk reported on the request for the Town Council to continue management of the Domes, Bandstand and Amphitheatre. Fylde Council had provided a draft Heads of Term. The Clerk had received assurances from Fylde regarding responsibilities including cleaning, repair and usage. Costs would also be lower than the terms suggest.

**AFTER BEING PROPOSED AND SECONDED IT WAS RESOLVED**

**That the recommendation of the Committee be that the quote is accepted and actioned.**

**Voting 7 for 0 against and 0 abstentions**

**PR26/21 Update from Dual Hatted Members**

Councillor G Harrison reported that Fylde Council would be upgrading lights and safety in Ashton Gardens.

Councillors Little and G Harrison updated the Committee on Fylde Council's approval of the new ward boundaries and that changes could impact on the Town Council in the future.

**PR27/21 Speeding Concerns in St. Anne's**

Councillor Gardner reported that she was concerned about the increasing number of speeding incidents and subsequent accidents in St. Anne's and asked if the Town Council could be involved in a resolution to the problem.

Councillor Willder stated that the Councils and Police used to participate in the PACT scheme in a couple of St. Anne's wards and asked if this group could be reformed. Councillor Willder also expressed concern for speed bike incidents in the Heyhouses ward.

Councillor Jacques noted that the Police used to attend Council meetings to update on initiatives. Community policing could also aid the scheme.

The Committee tasked the Town Clerk with researching the suggestions and status. The item being added to the next meeting of Policy & Resources.

**PR28/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 1.30pm**. The meeting will be via the Zoom conferencing app.

The meeting ended at 18.50pm.

**Signed as a true and correct record**

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**Chairman 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**