

St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 12th October 2021, 1.30pm at Meeting Room West Lodge

Present: Councillors Little (Chairman), K Harrison (Deputy Chairman), Jacques, Settle, Small and Chairman G Harrison [ex-officio].

Officers: Town Clerk Kevin Martin & RFO & Deputy Clerk John Nightingale & Town Enterprise & Promotions Officer Darrel Treece-Birch & Town Council Support Officer Steven Sambrook.

PR 66/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Gardner.

PR 67/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

PR 68/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2021 be agreed as a true record of the meeting.

After being proposed and seconded it was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17th August 2021 be accepted.

Voting 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstentions.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

PR 69/21 COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP (CAN)

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update on CAN and the success of the recent September Spectacular. The next litter pick event is at Alexandria Drive on the 20th of October 2021. Christmas Lights are currently being installed. Santa will be visiting shopping satellite areas on the St. Anne's Christmas Switch On day (20th November 2021).

The Carnival Jubilee event for 2022 was discussed by the committee with dates set as the 2nd of June 2022 to 5th June 2022.

RFO Officer provided an update on finances regarding the September Spectacular.

Councillor Little stated that the bike racks had been ordered. Upon delivery of the racks, officers will communicate with Fylde regarding installation.

The committee discussed the report on additional project funding for the CAN group. Benefits included additional events for the community and raising awareness of the town. The committee were supportive of the proposal subject to sufficient funds being available as part of a balance budget.

After being proposed and seconded it was resolved that the request for additional CAN funding on 12th October 2021 be accepted and passed to Council.

Voting 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstentions.

PR 70/21 SHEPHERD AND BLUNDELL ALLOTMENTS

RFO Officer provided a verbal update on allotment activities.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PR 71/21 TOWN CENTRE WORKING GROUP & ST. ANNE'S SUB-GROUP

Councillor K Harrison noted that consultants had been appointed for the development of the town centre. Discussions between Fylde Council and the consultants, on the masterplan, would take place soon.

PR 72/21 ST. ANNE'S ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor K Harrison provided a verbal update on STEP.

The committee discussed the STEP (St. Anne's Enterprise Partnership) request for additional funding for a Christmas event. It was noted that the application lacked detail, planning and that only a short time span existed before the event was due to occur. The Council currently funds STEP £3.5k for the 2021/22 financial year. The committee recommended supporting STEP in their efforts to create events in the future.

After being proposed and seconded it was resolved that the request for additional STEP funding on 12th October 2021 be declined.

Voting 5 for; 0 against, 0 abstentions.

PR 73/21 ST. ANNE'S BUSINESS ACTIVITY

TEPO Officer provided a verbal update on business activity and confirmed he could provide a monthly update of percentage changes in shop openings / closures.

Meeting suspended at 14.27.
Councillor Small left the meeting at 14.33.
Meeting resumed at 14.35

PR 74/21 PROW GROUP

Councillor Settle provided a verbal update on PROW group activities including the wildflower sowing event, installation of benches, developer interaction. Signage for BW11 was due for delivery. The next meeting of PROW is on the 20th October.

PR 75/21 PROPOSED FLAGPOLE AT WESTGATE ROAD OFF SQUIRES GATE

Town Clerk Kevin Martin provided a verbal update on the proposed flagpole.

PR 76/21 UPDATE FROM DUAL HATTED MEMBERS

Councillor Little discussed issues over parking on Clifton Drive North and the Promenade.

The committee discussed the need for closer communication links between Councils.

PR 77/21 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be at 1.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021 in the Meeting Room at West Lodge.

Signed as a true and accurate record

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Chairman

The meeting ended at 15.14.