

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WELLINGTON 15 MARCH 2022 AT 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Lithgow (Chair), Govier, Lloyd and Stock-Williams
David Farrow – Town Clerk.

537 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Thorne

538 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

539 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 February 2022.

540 Questions and Comments from Members of the Public

None had been received.

541 To receive a Presentation from Carl Bullock Managing Director MK Test Systems, Westpark

Mr Bullock explained to the committee that he was keen for his workforce to engage with the community and to offer voluntary support to groups or individuals. Councillors thanked him for his wish to have a positive engagement with the town and agreed that through their connections with community groups they would ensure that people were aware of the offer and that the Town Clerk would contact him to discuss any opportunities. Mr Bullock offered to host a future meeting of the Town Council at MK Test Systems which was welcomed

542 Funding Agreement with Court Fields School

A draft document had been circulated with the agenda. Councillor Thorne had sent suggested amendments to the Clerk which were tabled. The Town Clerk explained the importance of having an agreement in place given the sums involved. The Committee **RESOLVED** to Recommend to the Town Council that the Funding Agreement be accepted subject to changes to paras 5a, 5d, 5e and 5f and increasing the notice period in para 4 to two months suggested by Councillor Thorne. It did not however agree with his suggestion that if the school, stop the project part way through it should be asked to repay all funding it had received.

543 Assets of Community Value

A paper had been circulated with the agenda and a further paper relating to The Dolphin Pub written by Councillor Thorne was tabled at the meeting. The Committee noted the suggestion that further consideration should be given to applying for The Dolphin Pub to be designated as an Asset of Community Value and asked the Town Clerk to do further work to establish the reasons why the initial application was rejected, to establish the status of the Save The Dolphin Pub Group and to report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

544 Additional Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding for Wellington Football Club.

Following the decision of Somerset West and Taunton in relation to the allocation of the Section 106 Funding for playing Pitches which resulted in the football club receiving £50,000 less than it had applied for the Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Town Council that a further £50,000 of CIL funding should be allocated to the football club to make up the difference between what it had applied for and what it received.

545 To Consider Council Meeting Arrangements for May 2022

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Town Council that the meeting arrangements for May 2022 should be as follows:

Annual Council Meeting – to be held on the 16 May 2022 and to incorporate the monthly Council meeting agenda and matters normally considered by the Finance Committee as that would not have been constituted at that time

Planning Meeting – to be held following the Annual Council Meeting on the 16 May 2022
Annual Parish Meeting to be held the following week and if possible to include a series of presentations from community groups the Council has supported over the year.

546 Town Council Work Plan

The updated Work Plan had been circulated with the agenda and was noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Chairman