

COMMUNITY & CIVIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE
14 JULY 2015

Present: Mayor: Councillor Giraud-Saunders
Chairman: Councillor Geddes

Councillors: Mrs Bridewell Mrs Burton Corbett
 East Evans Hopkins
 Wooldridge

Officers: Simon Fisher, Deputy Town Clerk
 Heather Bond

Members of the Public: Nil

160. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 June 2015 having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Nash.

162. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

163. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

164. REPORT FROM INSPECTOR MATTHEW ARMSTRONG

Inspector Armstrong advised the committee of the recent crime figures and advised that due to redeployment or changes in career that 2 of the Neighbourhood Policing Team would be leaving the Devizes area, however their positions would be recruited to.

He then answered members' questions and the Chairman thanked him for his attendance.

165. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – NARRATIVE INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The report was received and noted.

166. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID

The report was received and noted.

167. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (WALC) – ISSUED BY COUNCILLOR WOOLDRIDGE

The committee received and noted the report.

168. REPORT FOR INFORMATION – COUNCIL SURGERIES

The committee received and noted the report.

169. REPORT FOR DECISION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee agrees to adopt the Community Engagement Policy.

170. REPORT FOR DECISION – FINANCE & GOVERNANCE WORKING PARTY

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Wooldridge and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the work of the Finance and Governance working party is now complete and the committee agreed that it now be dissolved.

171. REPORT FOR DECISION – FINANCIAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Geddes and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee authorises the Admin and Finance Manager to continue to manage the Town Council's balances through short-term deposit.

172. REPORT FOR DECISION – TOURIST INFORMATION FACILITY

After much discussion it was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bridewell and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee wishes to support the initiative and work with both the Benchmarking and Tourism Groups to forward this enterprise.

Councillors to represent the Council will be Councillors Carter, East and Hopkins.

ALSO THAT Officers write to Wiltshire Council and advise that there will be no forward movement on renting a unit in the Shambles until such time as further investigations have taken place.

173. REPORT FOR DECISION – TOWN BENCHMARKING & TOWN CENTRE CONSULTATION DAY

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bridewell, seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee wishes the Council to continue to support the town benchmarking exercise with officer support and to undertake the Town Centre User Survey.

174. REPORT FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL TAX

It was proposed by Councillor Evans, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT Wiltshire Council are asked to stop the “freeze” on raising the council tax levels, and raise them by the maximum amount without incurring a penalty, in order to support community services.

175. REPORT FOR DECISION - SUPPORT FOR THE NOISE OUTREACH PROJECT

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Hopkins and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT the committee are minded to agree to practical help, however the grant application must be considered separately but in line with the Council’s grant deadlines.

176. REPORT FOR DECISION – GOVERNANCE REVIEW & DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes, seconded by Councillor Corbett and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT a working party is formed based on the current Joint Burial Committee model and the following Councillors represent the Town Council.

Councillors East, Evans, Hopkins, Nash and Wooldridge.

177. REPORT FOR DECISION – CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was proposed by Councillor Hopkins, seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and UNANIMOUSLY agreed

THAT £2276 is vired from the Town Centre Management budget in order to purchase the following items;

Project	Cost
Additional lights on Market Place Christmas tree	£1120.00
20 foot tree for Albion Place	£256.00
120m string of 24V heavy duty LED pea lights for Albion Place tree	£900.00
Total	£2276.00

178. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN