

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held in the malting Hall, Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 15th December 2009 commencing at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: W G Blake, S Cox, Mrs C C Doody, J R Lawton,
C M Vernon and A C R Woodcock

Apologies: Councillor P J Goldstone.

Non attendance: Councillor M H Snell

Public Question Time

No questions were submitted

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20. Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 13th October 2009 as circulated, be received and adopted.

21. Income and Expenditure

The income and expenditure figures for the period 1st April until 8th December 2009 had previously been circulated as Report No.1. Members considered the content of report and requested explanation about some of the areas where the budget had not been proportionately expended or income received at this stage in the financial year. It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.

22. Memorial in Cloister Gardens

The Town Clerk explained the request made by the son of a past Town Mayor and outlined in Report No.2. He explained that staff of the Town Council had cleaned the graffiti and it was RESOLVED that there would be no objection to the memorial plaque being refurbished or replaced with an identical one at no cost to the Town Council.

23. Draft Budget for the year 2010/2011

The Chair of the Committee explained that he had examined the draft budget presented as Report No.3 in detail and was of the opinion that it was an accurate reflection of the requirements for the next financial year. It was RESOLVED that the budget be presented to the next meeting of the Town Council with a recommendation for acceptance subject to the sum of £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) being taken from balances to reduce the sum required through the precept.

Members of the committee considered the suggestion made on behalf of the Friends of Athelstan Museum that the assistance they provided to the Town Council in operating the Tourist Information Centre when not staffed by the Town Council would relieve them of the necessity to pay rent and service charge to the Town Council. It was RESOLVED that the issue would be placed before the Town Council for determination.

24. Holiday Closure

The committee considered the contents of Report No. 4 and RESOLVED that the Town Council offices would close at noon on the 24th December and reopen on the 29th December 2009 and close again at noon on the 31st December and reopen on the 4th January 2010.

25. Eilmer Festival 2010

The committee considered Report No.5 and RESOLVED that the sum of £3,000 (three thousand pounds) be earmarked in balances to assist in underwriting events organised by the Town Council to celebrate the Eilmer anniversary.

26. Annual Meeting (All Electors)

The Town Clerk presented Report No.6 and requested the views of the committee on changing the format of the Annual Meeting in an attempt to encourage a higher number of electors to attend. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk invite the Leader of Wiltshire Council to attend and make a presentation and investigate the potential for there being a social gathering after the formal meeting, possibly involving some music accompaniment provided by the local school.

27. Pension Administration Strategy

The Town Clerk explained the requirement and implications of the Pension Administration Strategy developed by Wiltshire Council and referred to in Report No.7. It was RESOLVED that the content of the document be agreed and the Wiltshire Council informed accordingly.

The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs.