

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee held in the Malting Hall Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P J Goldstone  
Councillors: W G Blake, Mrs C C Doody, J R Lawton, M H Snell  
C M Vernon and C R Woodcock

**Apologies:** Councillors R F Sanderson and

### **Public Question Time**

No questions were submitted

### **.Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **12. Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 as circulated, be received and adopted.

### **13. Town Promotion and Tourism Committee**

The Chair advised the committee that the Town Promotion and Tourism Committee had not been quorate at the last meeting and therefore unable to make decisions, especially those involving finance. He had discussed the situation with the Chair of that committee and agreed that the financial items could be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee.

### **Poetry Competition**

The committee considered the latest costings for the publication of a poetry book containing the winning poems and the holding of a poetry slam. Funding was being sought to sponsor the publication and the slam. It was RESOLVED that the publication of the book would need to be self funding and that the Poetry Slam would be underwritten to a maximum level of £300 although sponsorship would still be sought to mitigate any possible expenditure by the Town Council.

### **Eilmer Dinner.**

The committee considered a report on the potential for holding an Eilmer Dinner in the Town Hall during December 2010. It was RESOLVED that with the consent of His Worship the Mayor, the Eilmer Dinner would take place under the sponsorship of the Mayoral Charity Appeal.

### **14. Income and Expenditure**

The Town Clerk presented a report on the income and expenditure that had previously been circulated as Report No.1. The Town Clerk answered questions of the accounts and the committee noted the report.

**15. Coalition Government Proposals for Precepting Authorities.**

The Town Clerk reported on the proposals put forward by the Coalition Government that all precepting authorities would need to undertake a referendum if a proposed increase in Council Tax fell outside of the maximum level agreed by the government. Previously it had been felt that only the higher tiers of local government would be required to adhere to the proposed regime. The committee considered the Town Clerk's presentation and the report previously circulated as Report No.2. It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorised to respond to the consultation advising of the impact this would have upon Malmesbury and other similar towns and parishes.

**16. Deadline for 2011/2012 precept request**

The Town Clerk presented a report previously circulated as Report No.3 outlining the timetable set by Wiltshire Council for the receipt of precept requests. The committee noted the timetable and felt that the schedule of Town Council meetings would enable compliance with the deadline.

**17. Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Committee RESOLVED to exclude the members of the press and public from the remainder of the meeting whilst items of a personal nature were discussed.

**18. Minutes of Personnel Panel**

The committee considered the minutes of the Personnel Panel held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and RESOLVED to agree with the decisions made by the Panel.

**The meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.**