

Minutes of a Meeting of the Resources and Policy Committee held in the Council Offices, Kennelwood, Town Centre, Hatfield on Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 7:40pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR G. WILTSHIRE (CHAIRMAN)

COUNCILLORS: A. APPLEBY, M. CLARK, J. HAWKINS,  
P.O'BRIEN, R.SMITH.

OFFICERS PRESENT: P. CLARK (TOWN CLERK)  
P. WIDDICOMBE (DEPUTY TOWN CLERK)

47. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

49. TWINNING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Twinning Advisory Sub-Committee held on 9 November 2006 were received.

The Committee then considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the Europe Prize.

RESOLVED

That an application for the Flag of Honour be deferred until 2007.

50. BEST VALUE PANEL

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Best Value Panel held on 17 November 2006 were received.

51. LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER: STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES.

The Committee considered the notes circulated by the Town Clerk on 27 October together with his brief report and notes of a meeting regarding the Best Value Regime.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on a meeting that he had attended, organised by the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils, which gave very little further information.

Councillor O'Brien observed that as this was only a White Paper it would be better to await any Bills.

RESOLVED

That no action be taken until appropriate Government Bills had been published.

52. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WELWYN HATFIELD

The Committee considered the final recommendations of the Boundary Committee for England for the Electoral Arrangements of Welwyn Hatfield. Because of the complexity of the changes Members considered that they needed a map showing the new ward boundaries.

RESOLVED

That Officers prepare maps of the Ward Boundaries for consideration at the Committee meeting on 7 February.

53. ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION ACT 2006

The Committee received and noted the report of the Town Clerk

54. CIVIC SERVICE / ST GEORGE'S DAY

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and noted the lack of interest from organisations.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk discusses with the Town Mayor any views he has on the venue for the Civic Service/ St George's Day to enable him to prepare a report for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

55. RELOCATION OF KENNELWOOD OFFICES TO BIRCHWOOD LEISURE CENTRE

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and discussed the benefits and possibilities of seeking an arrangement with the Wellfield Trust, including relevant costs and relocation options.

RESOLVED

That the Council does not pursue the “Wellfield option” any further

56. GRANT APPLICATION – IMPACT YOUTH

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and the Grant Application from Impact Youth.

RESOLVED

That a pool table be purchased and lent to No1. Hatfield for as long as it is needed.

57. HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS -- SUBSCRIPTION

The Committee considered a letter from the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils setting out the total HAPTC/ NALC Membership fee for 2007/8.

RESOLVED

That the Membership fee of £2,151.49 be approved.

58. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

RESOLVED

That the schedules circulated with the Agenda be approved.