

Minutes of a Meeting of the Resources and Policy Committee held in the Council Offices, Kennelwood, Town Centre, Hatfield on Wednesday 12 April 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR G WILTSHIRE (CHAIRMAN)

COUNCILLORS: M. CLARK, MRS L. MENDEZ,
P. O'BRIEN, MRS M. WHITE.

ALSO PRESENT COUNCILLOR MRS H. LAMING

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

69. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Appleby, J. Hawkins and R. Smith.

70. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 25 January 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

Councillors Mrs Mendez and Mrs White declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 14, Grants, as Secretary and Director of Number 1 Hatfield Ltd.

Councillor Wiltshire declared a personal interest in Agenda item 15, Planning Committee, in respect of applications S6/2006/282/FP AND S6/2006/308/FP.

72. TWINNING

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Twinning Advisory Sub-Committee held on 31 January 2006 and 11 April 2006 were received. Arising from Minute 24 it was

RESOLVED

That the funding for the Youth Exchange be increased by £250.

73. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS

The Minutes of the Meeting of Police Community Support Officers Working Party held on 20 February 2006 were received.

The Committee then considered the report of the Town Clerk together with the draft Service Level Agreement with Hertfordshire Constabulary for the funding of a Police Community Support Officer.

RESOLVED

That the Agreement before the Committee be approved but that the Police be advised, in an accompanying letter, that should the Agreement not be extended beyond the initial two years the bicycle would be at the Council's disposal.

74. BEST VALUE

The 9-month Performance Indicators were received and noted.

75. BADGE FOR TOWN MAYOR'S PARTNER

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk. Members felt that a smaller badge would be more appropriate and that the Council should pay for it.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Town Clerk investigate further the provision of a badge for the Town Mayor's partner.
- b) That any badge agreed would be paid for by the Council.

76. NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk who advised Members that the Bank had paid all the interest that the Council would have received if the Business Reserve Account had not been closed.

RESOLVED

That a Business Reserve Account be opened at Nation Westminster Bank.

77. SPECIAL EXPENSES

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk. Following advice from Councillor O'Brien it was agreed to give further consideration to this item at the next meeting of the Committee to enable Councillor O'Brien to have further discussions at Welwyn Hatfield Council.

78. DISTRICT PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Committee noted that the meeting scheduled for 27 March 2006 was cancelled as there had been no business to discuss.

79. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2006/2007

RESOLVED

That the draft schedule of meetings before the Committee be approved.

80. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Committee received and noted the email from the National Association of Local Councils regarding services to Larger local Councils.

81. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

That the schedules circulated with the Agenda be approved.

82. GRANTS

The Committee considered an application for a grant received from Number 1 Hatfield. As the Committee was inquorate the Members agreed to

RECOMMEND

That a grant in the sum of £462.26 be made.

83. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillor Clark took the Chair for this item where the Committee considered the applications which could not be dealt with at the Planning Committee

RESOLVED

i) That the Committee object to S6/2006/282/FP for the erection of a replacement dwelling following the demolition of the existing dwelling and annexe at Tolmers Cottage, Carbone Hill, Newgate Street as the building was too high and out of character with the surrounding area.

ii) That the Committee has no objections to Applications S6/2006/308/FP and S6/2006/326/LB.

84. PURCHASE OF VAN

The Chairman agreed to take this as an item of urgency as the van used by the Technical Services Team Leader was had been damaged after having been hit from behind and because of its age and value would have to be written off.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk be authorised to spend up to £10,000 on a replacement, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

85. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the remaining items as their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

86. ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 15 March 2006 were received.