

Minutes of a Meeting of the Resources and Policy Committee held in the Council Offices, Kennelwood, Town Centre, Hatfield on Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR P. O'BRIEN (CHAIRMAN)

COUNCILLORS: M. CLARK, A. APPLEBY, J. HAWKINS, J. MORGAN, R. SMITH, MRS. M. WHITE.

OFFICERS PRESENT: P. WIDDICOMBE (DEPUTY TOWN CLERK)
J. VOISEY (POLICY & PROJECTS OFFICER)

1. CHAIRMAN

The election of Councillor Wiltshire as Chairman of the Committee was noted. In his absence and as Councillor Clark did not wish to chair the meeting having chaired the preceding Planning Committee, it was resolved that Councillor O'Brien chair the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs L. Mendez.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2006 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were declared.

5. TWINNING

- (a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2006 were received.
- (b) The Committee then considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the Europe Prize.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council apply for the Flag of Honour.

6. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2005 / 2006

The Committee received the Annual Report and Accounts 2005 / 2006.

RESOLVED

That they be approved.

7. AUDIT 2006 / 2007

The Committee noted the report of the Town Clerk and the fee scales for 2006 / 2007 issued by the Audit Commission.

8. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006

The Committee considered the Best Value Performance Plan 2006. Members requested that feedback from the User Surveys be channelled to the relevant Committees via the Best Value Panel.

RESOLVED

That it be approved subject to the omission of reference to the “Coronation Gardens” from page 25, as these are not currently part of the Town Council’s Community Parks and Open Spaces.

9. ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS

The Committee received and noted the report of the Town Clerk regarding the amendments to the 2003 Accounts and Audit Regulations.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk and noted the changes being made to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Committee be advised when further updates are available from the County Council on the changes.

11. BADGE FOR TOWN MAYOR'S PARTNER

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and agreed that the larger badge should be used.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk and the current Town Mayor decide whether the badge should be on a ribbon or a pin.

12. SPECIAL EXPENSES

Councillor O'Brien advised that progress had been made and the Committee agreed that discussions with Welwyn Hatfield Council should continue.

13. POSTAGE FRANKING MACHINE

The Committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

That the purchase of a new franking machine at the cost of £1,484 be approved.

14. CHARTER 88

The Committee considered the report and noted that the meeting on Wednesday 26 July at 7:30pm clashes with the Leisure Committee meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk write to those members who are not on the Leisure Committee to seek their attendance at the meeting in July to report back.

15. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED

That the schedules circulated with the agenda be approved.