

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 08th SEPTEMBER 2022, 6PM AT LEAMINGTON SPA TOWN HALL

Present: Councillors, Sarah Boad (Chair) , Alan Boad, Will Bryce, Mubarik Chowdry, Bill Gifford, Ruggy Singh. Jade McGhee, Nick Wilkins

Officers: Town Clerk

26. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Judith Clarke.

27. Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Boad declared a non pecuniary interest in item 6 as a county councillor.
Cllr B Gifford declared a non pecuniary interest as a county councillor.

28. Public Forum

No representations / questions from the public.

29. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13th July2022 (Report No.4) are confirmed as a correct record.

30. Matters Arising from the Minutes

SM noted work on red phone boxes had been done after approval of expenditure by full town council

31. Cycling and Walking

The committee received a presentation from WCC's Senior Transport Planner and considered report number 7.

WCC's Senior Transport Planner gave a presentation on the current approach to improving cycling and walking infrastructure in the town, as part of the wider context of improving transport and connectivity. Key points included:

-Through the process of developing the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the county, WCC have developed a network plan for each main town. The objective is to deliver improvements to make active travel and use of public transport more attractive.

-WCC has secured funding as part of the Government's 'Mini Holland Programme'. This will be spent on a feasibility study to identify possible improvements to transport infrastructure in the town, including improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure. No decisions have yet been made and WCC wishes to engage with

stakeholders to identify and assess options. Don't want to 'drive cars out' but focus is on a change of priority to prioritise pedestrians / cyclists.

-There is likely to be further government funding available from central government for the implementation of improved infrastructure, but this will depend on the development of ambitious and transformative proposals to improve transport infrastructure.

-Any future infrastructure will have to meet certain technical standards laid out in government guidance.

The Senior Transport Planner also responded to a number of questions.

-Kenilworth 2 Leamington Cycle Route consultation:

There was some discussion regarding the current consultation on part of the Kenilworth 2 Leamington (K2L) cycle route.

Some concerns were raised about the loss of some right turns. The Senior Transport Planner encouraged people to submit these comments to the consultation so that they can be considered further.

Resolved that the information received is noted and the Senior Transport Planner is thanked for his attendance and input.

Action: Town Clerk to circulate the Senior Transport Planner's contact details to Town Councillors.

32. Community safety update

The committee considered report number 7.

Resolved that the information provided is noted and that the Community Safety Officer had been invited to a future meeting.

33. Mayoral Car Update

The committee received an update in relation to the replacement of the mayoral car with a full electric vehicle.

Resolved that the information provide is noted, including the possibility that there may be a gap between return of existing vehicle and receipt of new one.

34. External audit arrangements

The committee considered report number 9 relating to the option of opting out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Town Council that the Council does not opt out of the central external auditor appointment arrangements for the next 5 years

35. Budget / finance monitoring

The committee considered report number 10 and related appendices regarding budget and financial matters.

Resolved

i) That the committee notes the information provided regarding budget monitoring / financial matters.

ii) That the committee notes the information regarding national pay award negotiations and the implications for the Town Council's 2022/23 budget and future 2023/24 budget setting.

36. Payments

The committee considered a schedule of payments arising

Resolved that the following payments are approved

Cheque No / Electronic Payment	Payee	Details	Amount	VAT	Total
Chq 106836	S Marks	Reimbursement for expenses (various) - Zoom subscriptions (Jun/July/Aug22 - £35.97) , office sundries - batteries - £ 5.49, recorded delivery postage - £2.35. Receipts provided.	£43.81	£0.00	£43.81
Electronic	Warwick District Council	Hire Council Chamber etc for Mayor's charity event (Inv 83272305)	£169.98	£17.99	£187.97
Electronic	Warwickshire County Council	Contribution to Lillington Library - (Inv10329125)	£1,754.00	£0.00	£1,754.00
Electronic	Godfrey Payton	Allotment rental - 6 months in advance (Invoice 19742)	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00
Electronic	Godfrey Payton	Allotment rental - 6 months in advance (invoice 19700)	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00
TBC	Binswood Allotments Society	Grant payments from grants awarded 2020/21 and 2021/22.	£2,200.00	£0.00	£2,200.00
Electronic	SLCC	Clerk - annual membership (Inv Mem240703-1)	£467.00	£0.00	£467.00
Electronic	K Geddes	Expenses Learn in Bloom various - Art in the park / Ecofest. Receipts provided.	£110.90	£0.00	£110.90
Electronic	PKF Littlejohn (appointed external auditor)	External audit fees - Inv SB20221583	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
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