

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON
7th JULY 2021**

Present: Councillors Janet Alty, Alan Boad, Sarah Boad (Chair), Mubarik Chowdry, Judith Clarke, Bill Gifford, Jade McGhee, Louisa Radice, Susan Rasmussen

Officers: Stephen Marks, Town Clerk

14. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Will Bryce (Cllr J Alty substituting)

15. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gifford declared a personal interest as a member of Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council.

Councillor S Boad declared a personal interest as a member of Warwickshire County Council.

16. Public Forum

There were no representations from members of the public.

17. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 16th June 2021 (Report No.4) are confirmed as a correct record.

18. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The agreed response to WCC's Cycling & Walking infrastructure consultation was submitted.

Concessionary parking days – the Christmas Lights switch on event is due on 7th November. A possible further date could be 4th December, as discussed initially with Leamington BID.

19. Corporate Objectives

The committee discussed the report relating to the Town Council's Corporate Objectives and their potential updating.

A number of comments were made, including:

-Importance of identifying clear and succinct objectives, which can form the basis for future actions.

-Concerns about the use of the term sustainable / sustainability and how it can be vague / mis-interpreted.

-Discussion re climate change – acknowledging the need to address it but also the scope of the Town Council's influence, given the Town Council's actual functions and

roles. Noted that climate change would be considered at a future meeting. Noted that WDC was updating its approach to climate change.

-Discussion ref the terms 'socially deprived' and 'economically deprived'.

Resolved that the content of the table in section 6 of the report be used as the basis for the Town Council's Corporate Objectives, subject to the minor revision of wording as discussed in the meeting.

20. **Working group updates**

The committee considered the updates from the Communications Working Group and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Working Group.

A number of comments were made, including:

Communications:

-The Civic Officer has developed the social media content very well, with a good mix of messaging and content.

-It was proposed that photos of green spaces / floral displays could be published.

-It was noted that Councillors can assist by 'liking' and 're-tweeting' our social media content.

-A summary of social media activity would be produced and circulated to all Town Councillors.

CIL:

-The Town Clerk introduced the report and noted that further engagement with WCC will take place following the recent cycling and walking infrastructure consultation. This would help enable identification of specific infrastructure investment.

Resolved that the reports from Working Groups are accepted and noted.

21. **Work Programme**

The committee discussed the work programme which will be regularly reviewed and updated.

The committee discussed how the allotments societies can be supported to continue to improve environmental good practice and also how increased engagement with the societies can be achieved.

Resolved that the work programme is accepted / noted.

22. **Budget / finance monitoring**

The committee considered the report (No.9)

Comments were made about the Lillington By-Election in 2019 and the need to resolve the costs with Warwick District Council.

