

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON
16th NOVEMBER 2022, 6PM AT LEAMINGTON SPA TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors Alan Boad, Mubarik Chowdry (Chair), Judith Clarke, Bill Gifford, Ruggy Singh, Amanda Stevens.

Officers: Town Clerk

48. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Sarah Boad (Cllr Amanda Stevens substituting), Cllr Will Bryce and Cllr Nick Wilkins.

Absent – Cllr McGhee

49. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gifford declared a general non pecuniary interest as a WDC and WCC Cllr.

50. Public Forum

No representations / questions from the public.

51. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 13th October 2022 (Report No.4) are confirmed as a correct record.

52. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Local Transport Plan 4 consultation was considered by Council on 10th November.

53. Budget / finance monitoring

Noted significant sum of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds received. CIL working group will be considering possible spend, with a view to making recommendations to Town Council.

Noted £6k allocated to WDC for warm hubs by Town Council on 10th November 22.

Resolved that the financial information provided is noted.

54. Budget 2023 / 24

The committee considered report number 9 regarding the draft budget for 2023/24.

The Town Clerk noted a proposed civic dinner budget of £2k instead of £1500 was included in the draft budget.

There was some discussion about the format / purpose of the Civic Dinner. It was agreed that this should be considered further in due course to clarify the issues for the benefit of staff.

There was discussion regarding a possible event to mark the coronation of King Charles 3rd. Proposals included an outdoor screen to show the coronation service, possibly with seating or picnic blankets. It was noted that Town Council staff would have very limited capacity to deliver the event, especially with elections in such close proximity. Further discussion with WDC and Leamington BID would need to take place re nature of any event. It was agreed that a sum of £10k be added to the draft budget as a contribution to such an event.

The cleaning of the war memorial was discussed. It was agreed that a further £1k increase to the assets budget is included in the draft budget.

Noted could use projects budget for any activity to mark the Bruhl 50th twinning anniversary.

Resolved that the following amendments are made to the draft budget:

£10,000 added as a contribution to an event to commemorate the Kings Coronation.

The assets budget is increased to £3,000.

55. Climate change working group

Suggested Director of Climate Change also invited to full council.

Resolved agreed the approach to the climate change working group.

56. Allotments

Resolved that the following allotment grants are approved

(1) **Binswood Allotment Society**

£1800 for water provision. Will need to provide information about the works.

£1500 for community hut and butterfly garden

(2) **Campion Hills Allotments**

£750 for clearance / tidying and various environmental improvements (water storage, composting and soil improvement measures)

(3) **Cliffe Allotments**

£400 for hedge cutting subject to a quote being provided and written request for the grant being provided.

(4) **Old Milverton Allotments**

£1290 for boundary hedge cutting and tree felling.

