

MINUTES OF THE **MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE 2024 AT 7.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT**

PRESENT: Councillor D Corney-Walker (Chairperson) Presiding
L Wood (Vice Chairperson)

Councillors B Bailey A Hall
L Cooke C Parker
C Davieson M Ryan
A Gibbs

In attendance: Phil Rowe – Town Clerk
Sam Scott – Deputy Town Clerk & RFO
Linda McGuirk – Principal Administrator
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager

By invitation: Emily Farell - Newton Abbot CIC Business Support Manager
Alex Gurpinar - Newton Abbot CIC Youth Council Manager

70. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2024/25**

Nominations were received for the election of the Chairperson of the Policy & Resources Committee for the year 2024/2025.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor David Corney-Walker be elected Chairperson of the Policy & Resources Committee for the year 2024/2025.

71. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A valid reason for absence was received from Councillor M Joyce, members agreed to accept the reason for absence.

Councillor P Bullivant did not attend the meeting.

72. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2024/25**

Nominations were received for the appointment of the Vice-Chairperson of the Policy & Resources Committee for the year 2024/2025.

On being validly nominated, the voting was as follows:

Councillor P Bullivant – 4 votes

Councillor L Wood – 5 votes

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Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor L Wood be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Policy & Resources Committee for the year 2024/2025.

73. **INTERESTS**

None declared.

74. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14th February 2024 were received and signed as a correct record.

75. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

76. **COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee gave due consideration to the Terms of Reference for the Policy & Resources Committee, circulated prior to the meeting. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Policy & Resources Committee be hereby, approved and adopted.

77. **PRESENTATION – YOUTH COUNCIL**

The representatives of Newton Abbot CIC gave a presentation on the establishment of the Youth Council and its progress to date.

The Youth Council was launched in March 2024, it is an inclusive group for young people aged between 11 and 16 years. To encourage participation there are two membership options: casual and active. There are currently 12 active members who meet every Thursday at the Courtenay Centre.

The group has established strong goals, values. Its aspirations include:

- Youth café
- Holding a community event in Golden Lion Square
- Cleaner and safer streets
- Holding Political conversations/debates
- Engaging with the community

The Chairperson invited questions and comments from Members. The following matters were raised:

- Delighted that Young People are being given a voice.
- Looked forward to future debates in the Council Chamber.
- What were the safety issues raised in some areas of the town?

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- Suggested opportunities for the Youth Café.
- What is maximum capacity of the group and are you planning to attract more young people?
- Funding.

The Town Development Manager invited the Youth Council to liaise with her regarding the use of Golden Lion Square for an event.

Councillor A Hall offered to support the Youth Council using his District Council fund.

The Chairperson, Councillor D Corney-Walker thanked the representatives for attending and commended them for what they have achieved.

78. **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chairperson invited members that are representatives on outside bodies to report on meetings they had attended.

Councillor L Cooke reported she had attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Bradley Community Centre and raised concerns regarding lack of information and transparency.

It was agreed the Town Clerk will write to the Trustees and request the information requested by Councillor L Cooke.

Cllr C Parker reported that he had not been able to attend recent meetings of the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) due to other commitments.

79. **POLICIES**

The Chairperson introduced the policy documents, previously circulated.

- a) Member Officer Protocol
- b) Model Publication Scheme
- c) Ethical Fundraising Policy

Following a review of the policy documents among Members, it was:

RESOLVED that the policies in relation to the:

- Member Officer Protocol
- Model Publication Scheme
- Ethical Fundraising Policy

be hereby, approved and adopted.

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80. **ACCOUNTS INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

A. The Committee received the overview of Income and Expenditure statements for the Policy and Resources Committee for the Period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statements for the Policy and Resources Committee for the Period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 be hereby approved.

B. The Committee received the overview of Income and Expenditure statements for the Policy and Resources Committee for the Period 1st April 2024 – 31st May 2024, as tabled at the meeting. Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statements for the Policy and Resources Committee for the Period 1st April 2024 – 31st May 2024 be hereby approved.

81. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

82. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

83. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Due to the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted, it was:

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

84. **POLICY**

Members reviewed the updated policy for Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure.

Accordingly, it was:

RESOLVED that the policy in relation to Marking the Death of a Senior National Figure be adopted.

Meeting closed at 19:45 pm

Chairperson.....Date.....

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