

**MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF
STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL**

Wednesday 16th July 2014
Commencing at 7.00 pm
In The Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present:

Councillor A. Hill (Chair)
Councillor D. Collins (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J. Bacon
Councillor J. Barnett
Councillor H. Elliott
Councillor P. Hill (substituting for Cllr C Ludlow)
Councillor E. Tidd

In attendance – Paul Harris – Acting Town Clerk

There were no Members of the Press or Public present

		ACTION
238/14	PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
239/14	DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS Cllr E. Tidd declared an interest in item 2, Duckmanton Miners Welfare.	
240/14	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr C. Ludlow (Cllr P Hill substituting).	
241/14	COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT Cllr B. Dyke was not present.	
242/14	MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2014 These minutes were NOTED .	
243/14	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE	

	<p>POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2014</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the Minutes.</p>	
<p>244/14</p>	<p>FINANCIAL ISSUES</p> <p>The Audit Report was discussed fully at the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 15 July 2014. There were excellent reports from John Marriott and Jo Taylor that had been needed for a number of years. It was noted that three people were needed for an Audit Committee and that membership should be from Councillors not involved with Policy Finance and Publicity Committee or Chairman of the Council. Three Councillors were nominated, Cllr J. Bacon, Cllr J. McManus and Cllr L. Collins. It was proposed that the committee should report directly to the Council. Terms of Reference would be needed.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that an Audit Committee should be set up with appropriate terms of reference to include Cllr J. Bacon, Cllr L. Collins and Cllr J. McManus.</p> <p>All votes FOR</p> <p>Four quotations were obtained for carrying out fencing works at the Middlecroft Allotments, these were presented to Councillors.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that the quotation from Imperial of Great Britain option 2 be approved at a cost of £5,453.50 + VAT.</p> <p>7 votes FOR</p>	
<p>245/14</p>	<p>TO CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF A LEASE TO MIDDLECROFT ALLOTMENTS FOR A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS.</p> <p>It was NOTED that the lease had been renewable every 5 years since 1914. Councillors discussed the request from Middlecroft Allotments for the granting of a lease for 25 years.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that Middlecroft Allotments would be granted a lease for a 25 year period.</p>	
<p>246/14</p>	<p>HEART OF STAVELEY PROJECT</p>	

	<p>The Chairman reported that a meeting was due to take place shortly with Ian Parkin. The meeting the previous week with the Heart of Staveley Board had been a difficult meeting. It was noted that Peter Rice the Quantity Surveyor was working on a project Cash Flow in time for the meeting on 24 July 2014.</p> <p>The committee endorsed these actions.</p> <p>Councillors also expressed their wish to get the units in the Staveley Hall Business Centre let as quickly as possible. They also mentioned the flat and stated that previously the Council had agreed £500 per calendar month.</p> <p>Cllr J Barnett left the meeting.</p> <p>247/14 SPEEDWELL ROOMS PROJECT</p> <p>It was reported that the boiler at the Speedwell Rooms had been condemned.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that quotations for two to three boilers be obtained to enable zoning</p> <p>All votes FOR</p> <p>248/14 STAVELEY MARKET</p> <p>It was NOTED that as Nicki Williams was away there was no update; however Councillors commented that on Tuesday there had been more traders on the market and on Saturday it was also busier than it had been previously.</p> <p>249/14 SECTION 137 GRANTS – DUCKMANTON MINERS WELFARE</p> <p>Cllr Tidd left the meeting.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that a grant of £200 be approved for Duckmanton Miners Welfare.</p> <p>4 votes FOR</p> <p>The Chairman also moved that £50 from the Chairman's Allowance would also be paid to Duckmanton Miners Welfare. In addition £50 from the Chairman's Allowance would also be paid to Staveley Armed Forces Veterans Association towards events next year.</p>	
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<p>250/14</p>	<p>PART II – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</p> <p>PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960</p> <p>RESOLVED – That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during the discussion thereof.</p>	
<p>251/14</p>	<p>RESTRUCTURING ISSUES</p> <p>Cllr A Hill reported to the Meeting that Staff Union Subscriptions had not been paid since February 2013.</p> <p>It was RECOMMENDED that in the event that this money is paid back to employees this should be subject to 3% interest being added with an apology</p> <p>It was also reported that Staff had previously been granted a 1% living wage increase in salary for payment from 1 April 2014. This was to be in addition to any NJC increases. It should be checked whether this had been applied. If not it was RECOMMENDED that pay should be backdated at the point any NJC increases were applied.</p>	