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

Wednesday 20th March 2013 Commencing at 7.00 pm In The Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present:

Councillor A Hill – Chair
Councillor D Collins – Vice Chair
Councillor B. Dyke
Councillor J. Barnett
Councillor H. Elliott
Councillor C. Ludlow
Councillor E. Tidd

In attendance – Graeme Challands – Town Clerk and Financial Officer

		ACTION
655/12	PUBLIC SESSION There were no members of the public present.	
656/12	DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.	
657/12	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor Williams – recovering from an operation	
658/12	COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.	
659/12	MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 th FEBRUARY 2013 The Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee of Staveley Town Council held on Wednesday 20 th February 2013 were approved subject to the amendments detailed below.	
660/12	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE	

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2013

It was noted that Councillor Williams' name appeared twice in the Apologies for Absence in the Minutes.

586/12 The Heading of Minute 586/12 should read Heart of Staveley Project not Heart of Staveley Limited.

589/12 Staff should not be named in minutes in future.

661/12 | FINANCIAL ISSUES

Nothing to report.

662/12 HEART OF STAVELEY PROJECT

A meeting had been scheduled for 21st March to discuss the report on the project prepared by Chesterfield Borough Council. A further meeting of all concerned would be arranged to present the report and its implications.

663/12 AFFORDABLE ECO HOMES PROJECT

Members received an update on the project. A Press Release was being prepared and the project would be formally launched. The Leader and Chair of the Council would be invited to the project launch.

It was noted that a trust fund already existed for King George V park and it was **RECOMMENDED** – That the agreed contribution from the developers should be paid into this fund.

664/12 | SPEEDWELL ROOMS PROJECT

It was reported that the Town Clerk would be seeing Atkinsons for estimated costs of refurbishing or rebuilding the premises.

Members felt that a complete rebuild would be inappropriate and refurbishment would be a more realistic proposition.

The Committee discussed a suitable programme of works.

RECOMMENDED – (i) That the premises should be refurbished as soon as possible.

(ii) That the entrance and foyer should be the first priority along with improvements to the disabled access at the rear, and any action needed to ensure the roof was watertight.

665/12 | STAVELEY MARKET

Members requested details of traders and footfall on the market.

The current position regarding the Market Manager's post needed to be clarified.

RECOMMENDED – (i) That the Council advertise for stallholders in Market Trader magazine.

(ii) Market staff should be offered a days secondment to Chesterfield Borough Council Markets as part of ongoing training.

666/12 MASTIN MOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that the legal papers regarding the sale had now been sent off for completion.

667/12 RESTRUCTURING ISSUES

It was reported that a reduction in the rent for the former Learning Matters office on High Street had been obtained. Members noted that this issue would hinge upon the recommendations of the Heart of Staveley Project report from Chesterfield Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED – That the Council rent the property on a five year lease when the appropriate occasion arose.

668/12 WINTER ARRANGEMENTS

Nothing to report.

669/12 STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members expressed concern that the old website was still accessible and should be taken down at the earliest opportunity.

670/12 | STAVELEY TOWN CRIER

An April issue was being prepared. Copy would be available at the next meeting of the committee or an editorial meeting could be arranged.

671/12	PART II – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960		
	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.	
672/12	ANY OTHER BUSINESS None		