

MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL, BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010 at 7.45 pm

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Present: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor C S Billingham)  
Councillors C J Blunden, K D Bonner-Dunham, C O Cartmell,  
D Dunham, T D Hayward and P H Stocker (Chairman)

Apologies: Councillors D Shaw and W B Stimpson

In attendance: Councillor K Dixon and P Joyce

#### **425. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **426. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **427. TRAINING FOR MEMBERS**

Members were advised that the new date for the training session for Members, to replace the session the one scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> January which had to be cancelled due to the weather, was 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 from 7 to 9 pm. Several Members indicated that they would not be able to attend on this date and a provisional date of 22<sup>nd</sup> February was put forward. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

To ascertain if 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 would be a convenient date for Ms Houlihan of Northants CALC to undertake the training session for Councillors.

#### **428. FIRE TRAINING**

Members were advised that a training session for the staff and users of the Town Hall had been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 2.30 pm. The fee to the Town Council would be £70 but the session would be open to others to attend at a charge of £5 and this money would be donated to the Town Mayor's charities. Councillor Dunham felt that the scouts, guides, and other local groups might be interested and it was suggested that an article be put in Town Talk.

#### **429. POLICE**

An article had been placed on the report to remind Members that the Brackley Safer Community Team would be in attendance this evening at 6 pm.

#### **430. MUSIC AND ARTS**

Reference Minute 376/09, letters from Mr Jim Harker, Leader of the County Council and Sue Carverhill had been circulated at the Meeting. The Town Mayor commented that it appeared that the Music Service had been overspending to the tune of £238,000 and it was not that the Service was to be scrapped completely but that spending had to be kept within the budget.

#### **431. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

Members were advised that Safe 'n' Sound were hosting an event at the WI Hall on 23rd March 2010 from 2 to 4 pm and have invited the Town Council to attend. Members were asked to advise the office if they wished to attend. Councillor Joyce said he would be attending in his connection with the Volunteer Bureau and he urged other Members to support the venture.

#### **432. FLAG POLE AREA OF TOWN HALL**

Members were advised that work had been undertaken to the flag pole area and this was now safe for someone to stand out on the platform. However, a pulley system was still required for the flag to be flown and James Green Engineering had been asked to look into this. The Town Mayor commented that it was important that the Town Council was able to fly a flag when necessary.

#### **433. ANNIVERSARY OF GRANTING OF BOROUGH STATUS – TOWN MAYOR**

A Members report had been circulated with the Agenda outlining the Mayor's thoughts on a possible celebration for the above anniversary and asking for Members views on the idea.

Members agreed that this should be celebrated in some way and suggested that a working party be formed to discuss ideas. The Town Mayor asked that ideas be forwarded to either her or Councillor Ross and matters would be progressed from there. Councillor Hayward asked about a budget for the event and Councillor Blunden proposed a figure of up to £500. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That a working party be formed to discuss ideas for the anniversary celebrations.

That a budget of up to £500 be set aside for the event.

#### **434. FINANCE REPORTS**

##### List of Accounts

List of Accounts 10B had been circulated with the Agenda. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

That List of Accounts 10B in the sum of £14,922.98 be approved and passed for payment.

Income report – received by Chairman

Financial Budget Comparison for the third quarter of the financial was circulated with the Agenda and approved by Members.

#### **435. INFORMATION REPORT**

##### SNC Parish Council's Forum

A letter had been received from South Northamptonshire Council about the Forum which had been held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Councillor Blunden advised that he and Councillor Hayward had attended and he had since spoken to Mrs Jean Morgan to say the meeting had been very positive.

The Town Mayor mentioned the Interim Rural Housing Policy and said Members needed to let the office know if they wished to attend as numbers were required to enable a suitable sized venue to be arranged.

#### **436. LSP WORKSHOP**

A letter had been received from South Northamptonshire Council, together with notes of the workgroups and a summary analysis from the event on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009. Notification was given of an evening workshop to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at South Northamptonshire Council offices.

#### **437. RADSTONE FIELDS, BRACKLEY**

Notification had been received from Framptons about a meeting at South Northamptonshire Council on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the Radstone Fields development. Concern was expressed by some Members that the invitation only referred to part of the discussions and it was felt that the Town Council should be represented at all of the various sessions. The Town Mayor agreed that there ought to be a greater attendance by people from Brackley. It was suggested that the Chairman and Vice Chairman go as minimum and other Councillors as they wish. The Town Mayor commented that as the invitation was from Framptons it would be interesting to know from the Head of Strategy Policy at South Northamptonshire how he viewed this particular event and what he felt Framptons were hoping to achieve.

Meeting closed at 8.08 pm

Chairman