

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** to be held on **Monday 23 January 2017**, in the Old Fire Station Community Room, 37 High Street, Brackley immediately following the meeting of the Planning & General Works Committee.

Dated: 18th January 2017



Town Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
AGENDA

379/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

380/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and Brackley Town Council's Code of Conduct.

381/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This section of the meeting gives members of the public who are present an opportunity to speak. You may speak on any item which appears on the agenda for this evening's meeting.

Please state your name and address before asking your question.

382/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 19th December 2016.

383/16 MEMBERS REPORTS

384/16 DOG WASTE CONTRACT

The contract is due for renewal and the Clerk's report is attached.

RECOMMENDED: That the Committee considers awarding the contract for the removal of dog waste to AH Contracts Ltd for three years commencing 1st April 2017.

385/16 LICENCE FOR OLD FIRE STATION

There is, currently, no licence in place for either the sale of alcohol or for public entertainment at the Old Fire Station, and Councillors are asked to consider if they would wish to apply for one.

386/16 BRACKLEY EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION – USE OF OLD FIRE STATION

In the past, BEA had free use of the Town Hall when the room was booked by the Mayor. Subsequently, the group were charged for use but allowed grant funding. As Brackley European Association manages the two twinning relationships on behalf of the town, it is suggested that the Committee grants the Association free use of the Old Fire Station for its regular monthly meeting

(maximum 2.5 hours) and for any events involving visitors from our twin towns, and that, when it re-opens, we allow free use of the Town Hall for their events.

387/16 POND AT HUMPHRIES DRIVE/SWIFT WAY

A request has been received for the removal of silt and vegetation from the pond between Humphries Drive and Swift Way. Although this land belongs to Brackley Town Council, there is an agreement in place with Anglian Water to allow the discharge of surface water drainage from the developments to the north.

Any work carried out would need the consent of Anglian Water, and would need to be carried out by suitable contractors as Council staff are not trained or insured for such work. Consideration would also need to be given with regard to the disposal of silt.

Member instructions are requested.

388/16 PARTS FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

A quotation has been received from Sutcliffe Play for parts to remedy wear and tear on the play equipment at Brackley Park and Humphries Drive. As the quotation totals more than £1500, Members' approval is requested.

389/16 PUBLIC ART SCHEME – RADSTONE FIELDS

There is provision within the Radstone Fields s106 agreement for Public Art within the development. The Clerk's progress report in relation to this project is attached.

390/16 REQUEST TO FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE - CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS

In view of the decision reached at the last meeting regarding the purchase of an additional vehicle, it is suggested that the Finance & Policy Committee be asked to carry forward any unspent funds for the vehicle should a decision to purchase not be taken within the current financial year.

391/16 ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE - REAR OF BANBURY ROAD

It has been brought to the Clerk's attention that some residents of Banbury Road are disposing of 'green waste' on Council owned land to the rear of their properties. Members are asked how they would wish to deal with this issue.

392/16 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minute of the **Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee** held on **Monday 19 December 2016**, in the Old Fire Station Community Room, 37 High Street, Brackley.

Present: Chairman E Wiltshire, Cllrs Bagot-Webb, Baker, Barrie, Cartmell, Thompson, Waldron

Also Present: Cllrs Butler, Morrell, Ross, P Wiltshire

Officers: Town Clerk (L Carter), RFO (A Moses)

328/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Broomfield, Stimpson

329/16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

330/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

331/16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the proposition of Cllr Cartmell it was **RESOLVED** to:

Approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 21st November 2016.

332/16 MEMBERS REPORTS

None

333/16 FLAG POLES ON PIAZZA

The possibility of installing two (removable) flagpoles to the sides of the War Memorial was discussed, which could be used for Town Twinning visits and for Remembrance Sunday as well as any other occasion where the flying of multiple flags is required.

On the proposition of Cllr Barrie it was **RESOLVED** to:

Contact NCC and SNC planning regarding the installation of two flagpoles and provide a costing sheet for the next meeting of this committee.

334/16 ADDITIONAL VEHICLE

A discussion regarding the vehicle requirement of the Town Council was held and on the proposition of Cllr Cartmell it was **RESOLVED** to:

Form a Working Party for the purpose of providing a breakdown of the vehicle usage of ALL council vehicles and to report to a future Direct Responsibilities meeting.

The following councillors volunteered to be part of the working party - Cllrs Ross, Morrell, Cartmell, P Wiltshire and staff member B Sharp will be members. A meeting will be arranged early in the New Year.

335/16 UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH CAFÉ LEASE

The Town Mayor and the Town Clerk provided a verbal update to the Committee. The Clerk agreed to obtain written confirmation of the financial checks which have been carried out by Browns & Co. regarding the proposed café proprietor.

DIRECT RESPONSIBILITIES & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

336/16 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION OR INFORMATION

None

Meeting ends at 20.05

Chairman

Date

BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL

**Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee
Monday 23rd January 2017**

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To update members with regard to the Public Art Scheme for Radstone Fields

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the Committee considers setting up a working group delegated to view the submissions and agree as appropriate**

MAIN ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Within the Section 106 agreement for Radstone Fields is a sum of £50,000 for Public Art. This would be expected to cover commission, installation and on going maintenance

Given that the Council purchased 68 of the poppies from the Tower of London to be located at Poppyfields Way, and that these poppies are not frost proof, it had been mooted that these should be located in the reception area of the Community Centre facing outwards. The proposed location for the piece of public art is directly outside the front doors of the centre, between the porch and the foot path, in an area approximately 6 metres in diameter.

Initially the art department at Magdalen College School was approached to see if it was a suitable project for student(s), with no response.

In the spring edition of Town Talk (2016) the Town Council advertised a 'Design Competition for Local People' and asked for people or groups to submit designs for the piece of art work. Only two submissions were received, both of which emphasised the 'war memorial' element of the poppies, but both showed some promise that could be developed.

The Town Clerk has since met with one of those who submitted a design (a local company that produces decorative iron work) and asked them to expand on their ideas and submit new designs by the end of January.

It had also been suggested that Julia Naysmith be approached, to see if she would be interested, and the Clerk has tried to contact her on two separate occasions with no response.

Barratt Homes would like to have details of the Public Art by March so that it can be included in the Planning Application for the Community Centre

It is suggested that a small working group of three or four councillors be delegated to view any submissions and agree as appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the council as the costs (up to a maximum of £50k) will be met by the developers

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no staffing implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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