

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5 APRIL 2012**

* Councillor T Martin – Chairman
* Councillor Wheatley – Vice Chairman

* Councillor P Martin	* Councillor R Gordon-Smith
* Councillor Poulter	0 Councillor Thomson
* Councillor C Gordon-Smith	* Councillor Lister
* Councillor Reynolds	* Councillor Wilson
* Councillor Woodham	* Councillor A Bott
* Councillor S Bott	* Councillor Hunter
* Councillor Noyce	* Councillor Robinson
0 Councillor Thornton	# Councillor Welland
* Councillor Williams	

* Present # Absent & no apology received 0 Apology L Late

418. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 15 March 2012, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

419. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No petitions/statements/questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order No 80.

420. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Councillor T Martin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that he is a member of the Go Godalming Association. Councillor T Martin remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor T Martin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11 on the basis that the land in question is close to where he lives. Councillor T Martin remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Wheatley declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 on the basis that she is a member of the Friends of Godalming Museum. Councillor Wheatley remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Wheatley declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that she is a member of the Go Godalming Association. Councillor Wheatley remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor P Martin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11 on the basis that his son lives close to the land in question. Councillor P Martin remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor R Gordon-Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 on the basis that he is a member of the Friends of Godalming Museum. Councillor R Gordon-Smith remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor R Gordon-Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that he is the Town Council's representative of the Go Godalming Association and is a member

of the Godalming Trust. Councillor R Gordon-Smith remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Poulter declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that she is a member of the Go Godalming Association. Councillor Poulter remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor C Gordon-Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 on the basis that she is the Town Council's representative on the Godalming Museum Trust. Councillor C Gordon-Smith remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor C Gordon-Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that she is a member of the Go Godalming Association. Councillor C Gordon-Smith remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Reynolds declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 on the basis that his company is a corporate donor to the Godalming Museum. Councillor Reynolds remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Reynolds declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that he is a member of the Go Godalming Association and the Godalming Trust. Councillor Reynolds remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 on the basis that he is a member of the Godalming Museum Trust. Councillor Wilson remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that he is a member of the Go Godalming Association and of the Godalming Trust. Councillor Wilson remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated.

Councillor A Bott declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 8 on the basis that she is the Town Council's representative and a Director of the Godalming Community Interest Company. Councillor A Bott's intention was to leave the Chamber whilst that section of the agenda item relating to the Community Interest Company was debated. However, as the Chairman took all 4 sections together, Councillor A Bott did not have the opportunity to retire from the Chamber, therefore, Councillor A Bott remained in the Chamber while that agenda item was debated but took no part in the debate.

421. ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE LAST MEETING & SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

	£
Godalming Town Council Accounts paid since the 23 February 2012	43,365.79
Balance held in Current Account Balance at 31 March 2012	28,954.75
Balance held in the Business Deposit Account Balance at 31 March 2012	390,386.60

A schedule of the accounts paid was tabled for the information of Members. The vouchers relating to these payments were also tabled at the meeting for inspection. All payments made were in line with the agreed budget or other resolution of this Committee or Full Council.

Members agreed that the Chairman should sign the schedule of accounts paid.

422. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON GODALMING/MAYEN ASSOCIATION

Members noted a report from Councillor Wheatley on the Godalming/Mayen Association (copy attached to record minutes) an organisation on which Councillor Wheatley represents the Town Council.

423. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

Members considered the following applications for grant aid and decided upon them as indicated.

Farncombe Youth Football Club

£958.80 was granted to meet the costs of repairing and replacing connections on The Bury's Field floodlights and to replace all lamps.

Godalming District Scouts

£700 was granted to assist with the costs for a Jubilee street party (badges/bunting) to be held in conjunction with Godalming Girl Guides. This application was granted on the basis that Godalming District Scouts are providing free of charge the marquees for the Town's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Godalming Museum Trust

£4,600 was granted to assist with the provision of a Volunteer Co-ordinator. Members indicated that they wished the Town Clerk to explore options other than an annual grant application with the museum for future funding of the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Rodborough School

£300 was granted to provide opportunities for young people to research the Arts & Crafts Movement within Surrey with the help of Godalming Museum.

The Cellar Café

£800 was granted to assist with the costs of providing a 4-night holiday to the Isle of Wight for six regular customers who are particularly disadvantaged.

Wey Valley Amateur Radio Group

£500 was granted to assist with the costs of running a commemorative international radio station and exhibition constructed at Charterhouse to honour the heroism of Jack Phillips and to which the general public will have access on two successive days.

424. GRANT AID IN KIND

Members agreed that as current recipients of Grant Aid in Kind the following organisations could be considered for Grant Aid in Kind on the same basis as last year without the individual organisations needing to complete a new application form.

Godalming Round Table

£100 Grant Aid in Kind was granted in the form of ten hours free use of the Wilfrid Noyce Centre on Saturday, 2 June 2012 in order to facilitate the Town Show.

Godalming Together Community Interest Company

£210 Grant Aid in Kind was granted in the form of free use of The Pepperpot for fifteen two-hour meetings during 2012/13.

The Godalming Trust

Free use of the Pepperpot Upper Room over the weekend of 8 & 9 September 2012 (Heritage Open Days) was awarded.

GO Godalming Association

Free use of the Pepperpot Upper Room for the association's quarterly committee meetings was awarded – a total of 12 hours at a value of £84 a year.

425. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Policy & Management Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 17 May 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Council Chamber or at the conclusion of the Planning & Environment Committee, whichever is the later.

426. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS FROM THE MEETING AT THIS POINT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IE. COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE MATTERS.

427. OFFER OF GIFT OF LAND

Members considered a confidential report from the Town Clerk. Members instructed the Town Clerk to thank the individual concerned for the offer of the gift of the land in question. However, the Town Council declined to accept the offer of the land as it could not accept the ongoing liability of land management of the wooded area without also being gifted the area of land that might provide an income with which to offset the land management costs.