

**MINUTES AND REPORT OF THE POLICY & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON 18 JANUARY 2018**

* Councillor Reynolds – Chairman
0 Councillor Walden – Vice Chairman

<p>* Councillor P Martin * Councillor Poulter * Councillor Wheatley * Councillor Hunter * Councillor Noyce * Councillor Williams * Councillor Bolton * Councillor Purkiss * Councillor Follows</p>	<p>* Councillor Gordon-Smith * Councillor Cosser 0 Councillor T Martin * Councillor S Bott 0 Councillor Welland * Councillor Pinches * Councillor Gray 0 Councillor Wainwright</p>
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* Present # Absent & no apology received 0 Apology L Late

389. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 4 January 2018, having been previously circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

390. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

391. 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 4.

392. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor P Martin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 in relation to grant aid applications for 'Kids Out' and Surrey Youth Focus on the grounds that he has supported these activities from his Surrey County Council Members' Allocation and stayed in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

Councillor Cosser declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6 in relation to grant aid applications for 'Kids Out' on the grounds that the applicant is known to him and stayed in the Chamber when that agenda item was debated.

393. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the work programme, noted its contents and requested that the Town Clerk audits the work programme to remove completed items and amend target completion dates to reflect the progress of tasks.

394. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID

Members considered the following applications for grant aid and dealt with them as indicated.

In considering the applications before them, Members noted the remaining available funds for grant aid support and the event dates associated with the applications before them.

The Eikon Charity

£2,019 was granted to assist the Youth Specialist Programme at Broadwater School as detailed in the application. Members expressed their regret that, due to the large number of applications for grant aid support received during the current financial year, insufficient funds were available in the 2017/18 grants budget to grant the full amount applied for.

Kids Out

£500 was applied for to help fund Kids Out 2018; a “fun day” out and the opportunity to socialise to disadvantaged children. Members requested the Town Clerk contact the applicant to inform them that, due to insufficient funds being available at this time, the Council has been unable to provide a grant. However, without prejudice, if the applicant so wishes the Council is willing to consider their application again in the next financial year.

Surrey Youth Focus

£1,500 was applied for to assist with the funding of a new project (Youth Social Action) which aims to inspire young people to take ownership of a problem in their local community and take action on it. Members requested the Town Clerk contact the applicant to inform them that, due to insufficient funds being available at this time, the Council has been unable to provide a grant. However, without prejudice, if the applicant so wishes the Council is willing to consider their application again in the next financial year.

395. ALLOCATION OF GRANT BUDGET TO GRANT SCHEME CATEGORIES

Members considered the allocation of the grant aid budget of £58,000 agreed by Full Council on 11 January 2018 to each category of the Council’s Grant Scheme.

Members resolved to allocate funds as indicated:

Service Level Agreement Fund - £33,000

General Grants Fund (which includes grants in kind for property use) - £20,000

Council Community Fund - £5,000

396. PLANNING MATTERS

Having been notified of the submission of the Guildford Local Plan. Members considered that in relation to Guildford Submission Local Plan: strategy and sites (2017), no strategic issues, either positive or negative, directly affecting Godalming are identified and therefore Godalming Town Council will not be making a response to the consultation.

397. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CONSULTATION

Members considered the Waverley Borough Community Infrastructure Levy, Draft Charging Schedule document dated November 2017 and agreed the following observations should be made to Waverley Borough Council.

1. The significant difference in CIL rates between residential developments and older person’s developments could have the potential to distort the local housing provision by incentivising developers towards the latter type of development.
2. As parishes are potential recipients of between 15% and 25% of CIL contributions (25% if the Neighbourhood Plan is passed by referendum), where Waverley Borough Council (WBC) considers the use of CIL Regulation 73 to accept a CIL obligation in-kind, WBC should consult with the potential recipient parish before determining whether a CIL in kind arrangement is appropriate.

398. CREDIT CONTROL

Members approved the writing off of invoice number WN1555 for sum of £16.80 and that the outstanding sum of £313.55 in relation to invoice number GTC4022 be lodged with the small claims tribunal.

399. FIREWORKS

Members received a report relating to the 2017 Fireworks event and noted the unexpected costs and issues that led to the events budget deficit. Members agreed that having for the last two years successfully delivered a safe and enjoyable event from a zero base position, sufficient experience should now have been gained to deliver future events at a minimum of a cost neutral basis. As such, Members agreed to support a Fireworks event in 2018.

400. COMMUNITY CENTRE MONITORING

Members noted the Community Centre Monitoring report and requested that Members be informed of any significant 'vacant slots' that could be promoted within the community.

401. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members noted the date of 8 February 2018 for the Members' Neighbourhood Plan Information presentation.

402. WILFRID NOYCE PHASE 2 COMPLETION

Members received the final account for the completion certificate of the Oglethorpe Hall noting that the build costs came in at £2,411 under budget with the overall project coming in £1,109 under budget.

403. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON THE ST MARKS COMMUNITY INITIATIVE GROUP

Members noted a report from Councillor Bolton on the St Marks Community Initiative Group an organisation on which Councillor Bolton represents the Town Council.

404. TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL BODIES – REPORT ON THE GODALMING TOGETHER CIC

Members noted a report from Councillor Purkiss on the Godalming Together CIC an organisation on which Councillor Purkiss represents the Town Council.

405. COMMUNICATIONS ARISING FROM THIS MEETING

Members identified the following items from this meeting to be publicised:

Grant to Eikon Charity
Fireworks 2018

406. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Policy & Management Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 1 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

407. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.