

# PARISH OF GODALMING

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### OF THE PARISH OF GODALMING HELD

ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY 2021

- \* Town Mayor (Cllr Steel)
- \* Deputy Town Mayor (Cllr Faraday)

* Councillor Adam	* Councillor P Martin
* Councillor Ashworth	0 Councillor Neill
* Councillor Boyle	0 Councillor Purvis
* Councillor Cosser	* Councillor PMA Rivers
0 Councillor Crooks	* Councillor PS Rivers
* Councillor Duce	0 Councillor Rosoman
* Councillor Follows	* Councillor Stubbs
0 Councillor Heagin	* Councillor Welland
* Councillor Hullah	* Councillor Williams

\* Present      # Absent & No Apology Received      0 Apology for Absence      L Late

#### 180. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 May 2021 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

#### 181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and recorded as above.

#### 182. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members made no declarations of interest in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting, which is required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.

#### 183. 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 5.

#### 184. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

No questions from Councillors were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 6.

#### 185. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS, LETTERS, ETC

The Mayor read a letter which he will be sending to Godalming's twin town of Mayen expressing the town's best wishes for a speedy recovery following the severe flooding in their region of Germany.

186. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the following Committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED

**Policy & Management Committee**

The Council resolved to agree the following recommendations made by the Policy & Management Committee:

a) To re-adopt the following policy documents:

- [Complaints Procedure – How to Handle](#)
- [Complaints Procedure – How to Make](#)
- [Freedom of Information – Publication Scheme](#)
- [Safeguarding](#)
- [Statement of Staff Management](#)

b) To adopt the new LGA model code of conduct without any local amendments

**Staffing Committee**

The Council resolved to agree the following recommendation made by the Staffing Committee:

To re-adopt the following policy document:

- [Absence & Sick Pay Policy](#)

187. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The reports of the following committees setting out decisions taken pursuant to delegated powers were RECEIVED:

	Meetings Dated
Audit Committee	29 April 2021 20 May 2021 1 July 2021
Environment & Planning	22 April 2021 20 May 2021 3 June 2021 24 June 2021
Policy & Management Committee	17 December 2020* 22 April 2021 20 May 2021 24 June 2021 8 July 2021
Staffing Committee	20 May 2021 1 July 2021

\*minutes not approved on subsequent Full Council meeting

188. GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The report of the meeting of the Joint Burial Committee held on 27 May 2021 was noted.

189. YOUTH CONSULTATION OUTCOMES AND OPTIONS

In order that decisions, which may impact upon future budget requirements, could be considered in a timely manner, the outcomes report of the youth provision consultation were brought to the Full Council (attached to the record minutes).

Members were requested to consider the recommendations pertaining to Outcome D & E.

In considering the recommendations of Outcome E, **Members resolved to agree the objective that Godalming Town Council aims to instigate the provision of a universal, free to access, youth drop-in facility operated and funded by Godalming Town Council, managed by professionally qualified youth workers providing support and activities for young people in the Godalming area of secondary school age. Target date for opening 18 April 2022.**

On the proposal of Cllr Follows, seconded by Cllr Cosser, **the Council resolved to approve the recommendations contained within the Youth Provision – Consultation, Outcomes, Options & Recommendation paper as set out below. Such approval conditional on the approval of the youth provision cost centre budget to be considered by the Policy & Management Committee at its Extraordinary meeting scheduled for 2 September 2021.**

Subject to the caveat above, the Council unanimously resolved to agree the following recommendations:

1. **Broadwater Park Community Centre is designated as the home of the Godalming Town Council Youth Drop-in Facility as of 1 September 2021 with a target date to be fully operational by 18 April 2022.**
2. **Previous existing users of Broadwater Park Community Centre to be informed that the centre will not be available for use post 1 September 2021.**
3. **Casual hire to continue until such time as enabling works to the buildings in preparation for the opening of the youth facility begin.**
4. **GTC to undertake the recruitment of a Lead Youth Worker to be in post for 1 November 2021.**
5. **Lead Youth Worker, via the Youth Management Group to submit support youth worker recruitment requirement to Staffing Committee for 10 February to enable support youth workers to be in place by 18 April 2022.**
6. **Three Councillors, plus the RFO to be nominated as the Youth Management Group.**
7. **A representative of the Safer Waverley Partnership be invited as a permanent representative on the Youth Management Group.**
8. **Youth Management Group to be governed as an Advisory Committee to the Policy & Management Committee.**
9. **The RFO undertakes the 2022/23 budget setting process based on a precept cash increase of £100,000 for youth provision.**
10. **The current budgeted income of £24,000 for BWPC is offset against the cash increase required for youth provision.**
11. **The salary requirement for a Lead Youth Worker, is set against reserves for the period 1 November 2021 to 31 March 2022 (including the youth provision reserve balance).**

In support of recommendation 6. above, the following Members were elected as members of the Youth Management Group, Cllr Duce, Cllr Stubbs and Cllr Crooks. Members further agreed the RFO should be a member of the Youth Management Group.

On the proposal of Cllr Follows and seconded by Cllr Duce, **Members resolved to agree that the Town Clerk write to Waverley Borough Council to request that the precept**

**increase for youth provision be shown as a hypothecated tax in the 2022 council tax bills for residents who contribute to the Godalming parish precept.**

190. WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL (WBC) CONSULTION ON FUTURE SLA

Members noted that Waverley Borough Council is currently reviewing its funding priorities to voluntary organisations for 2022 onwards and has said it is keen to hear from town and parish councils as part of this process. This discretionary WBC funding is awarded to not-for-profit organisations delivering identified high priority services in partnership with WBC.

Having previously provided the Town Clerk with individually completed questionnaires, the Town Clerk presented the cumulative results in rank order as shown below.

**Possible funding priorities** – ranked in order of priority for your area.

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Rank 1 to 8</b> (with 1 being highest priority and 8 lowest priority)
Older people	5
Young people	1
Mental health	2
Loneliness and social isolation	3
Transport	4
Information and advice	8
Dementia	7
Carers	6

**Possible funding principles** (the broad vision underpinning the priorities) – ranked in order of priority for your area.

<b>Principle</b>	<b>Rank 1 to 7</b> (with 1 being most important and 7 least important)
Help more people reach their potential by supporting them at the earliest possible stage	=1
Building strong relationships in and across communities	=4
Supporting young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing	=1
Enabling adults with higher needs to get out and about (transport)	3
Maintaining independence into older age	6
Enabling people to access the information and advice they need to make their own choices, participate in community life and remain independent	7
Reducing health inequalities in our local community	=4

Members wished it to be noted that in considering the ranking scores, the categories shown do not necessarily stand in isolation and that there is interplay and overlap between a number of the priorities and principles.

191. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS, ETC.

The following resolution was passed nem con.

THAT THE TOWN CLERK BE AUTHORISED TO SIGN OR WHERE APPROPRIATE, TO HAVE SEALED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL ANY ORDERS, DEEDS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO GIVE EFFECT TO ANY OF THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS RECEIVED AT THIS MEETING OR IN ANY RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.

192. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 7.15pm or at the conclusion of the preceding Environment & Planning Committee, whichever is later.

193. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were requested to inform the Community & Communications Officer of their availability for supporting the Godalming Green Gala on Saturday, 14 August.