LOOE TOWN COUNCIL KONSEL TRE LOGH



MINUTES OF THE Policy, Strategy and Finance Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Looe Library and Community Hub, The Millpool, West Looe PL13 2AF

Telephone: 01503 262255

On Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor M Gregory

Councillors E Hannaford, J Newman, J Dingle

IN ATTENDANCE: Mel Colton-Dyer – Commercial Strategy Director and Town Clerk

Open Forum

There were no questions from members of the public.

68	To elect a Chairperson	ACTIONS
	Nominations were read out. Cllr Simon Barker received the most nominations for Chairperson. The position was discussed with a resolution that the Chairperson would lead on Finance and the Vice-Chairperson would lead on Policy and Strategy. All agreed.	CDS to inform Councillors and officers
	Cllr Gregory proposed Cllr Barker as Chairperson, Cllr Hannaford seconded. All in favour.	
69	To Elect a Vice Chairperson	
	Cllr Newman and Cllr Hannaford were nominated. Cllr Newman explained why he was unable to accept the nomination. Cllr Gregory proposed Cllr Hannaford as Vice-Chairperson, Cllr Dingle seconded. All in favour.	CDS to inform Councillors and officers
70	Apologies for absence	
	Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of the Councillors	
	D Bryan, S Barker and C Rose	
71	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Dingle: West Looe Town Trust	

Approve the minutes of the PSF meeting held on the 11 th November 2019	
Minutes were checked for accuracy. Cllr Hannaford proposed, Cllr seconded – all agreed.	
Matters arising from the minutes	
57-19 a) Accounting package. It was resolved that this matter would be dealt with as an urgent matter with a proposal document prepared by the CDS by email once the new RFO is in place.	CSD
e) – Allotment lease – ongoing. Cllr Dingle asked that we ensure approved solicitors are involved.	CSD/Laura to investigate costs
58-19 War memorial railings - Ongoing. A donation was made towards the lawn mower.	Environment and Devolved Services Manager
Investment Policy – ongoing. Committee to discuss at next meeting Cllr Dingle expressed concern over safe havening our reserves – no more than £85k in any one account and spread between banks	Committee to discuss at next meeting RFO to action
59-19, ongoing	
Review of Profit and Loss	
No accounts were available caused by an accounting software problem. Chairperson to lead on reviewing the accounts prior to the external auditor.	RFO/CSD to circulate to Chair prior to the external auditor visit
Legal standing of Mayors Charity	
The Mayors Charity is not currently a registered charity. There was a discussion on whether the Council should implement. It was resolved that the RFO would prepare a report on the impact Cllr Gregory proposed. Cllr Hannaford seconded - all in favour.	RFO to action
Rental Charges Seafront Store	
The current situation was discussed. The Committee resolved to terminate the agreement and re-advertise the property once the CSD has prepared a strategy paper for discussion on potential used and income. It was agreed to suggest a monthly agreement which takes in to account electricity. Also to install a separate meter for electricity and ensure business rates are paid by the occupant. Cllr Dingle proposed and Cllr Hannaford seconded.	CSD
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77	Rental Charges Calweton Practice	
	The Commercial Strategy Director has recovered the payments from April to August from Cornwall Council and has negotiated a new understanding with the Vet's. From the first of February there will be an 'easy in, easy out' agreement of 3 month with a rent of £100 per week.	CSD to arrange invoice and written understanding
78	Requests for Financial Assistance	
	iSight Cornwall - £250 requested. The Council were impressed with the number of individuals with sight loss in Looe who were supported by this Charity. Cllr Hannaford proposed Cllr Dingle seconded. The Committee resolved to donate £250.	CDS to action
	St Pinnock Band - £750 requested. The Committee were concerned with the large drop in the band subscriptions and also the increase in the conductor's fees and asked that this was queried. The committee resolved to donate the £750. Cllr Dingle proposed and Cllr Hannaford seconded.	CSD to action
79	Library Furniture	
	It was resolved to purchase the noticeboard, soft seating and computer chairs requested. Cllr Hannaford proposed, and Cllr Gregory seconded.	Library Manager
80	Lift Maintenance	
	Two quotes were explored. It was suggested that the quotes are emailed to the committee for an email discussion and resolution. Also clarification of location of Jacksons was requested.	Library Manager
81	Correspondence	
	None	
82	Looe Town Council Pre-Application Planning Policy amendment	
	The statement was read. It was resolved that the proposed changes are adopted in full. Cllr Hannaford proposed, Cllr Gregory seconded.	Admin, Planning and Civic Officer to amend
83	Matters for further urgent discussion	
	Bank Signatories Terms of Reference	CSD/RFO to add these 4 items to next

Criterion for Community Chest	meeting Agenda
Cromwell – painting	
Cllr Dingle proposed a standard Co-option panel to ensure equity in scoring with a minimum of 5 Councillors to sit on the panel made up of the Chairs of the Committees together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Once scored the top and bottom scores to be discounted to provide equity.	Add to next full Council agenda
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Date of Next meeting: Monday 16 th March 2020 at 7.00pm	
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The Meeting closed at 9.00	pm.
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Date	