

16th April 2019 Policy and Finance
DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Council held in the Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday 16th April 2019 for presentation to the Council on the 7th May 2019.

PRESENT

Councillors: S Creswick (Chair), M Woodward, N Grecian, S Ackroyd, L Patrick, J Burdge, A Stennett, M Stennett and W Thomas.

In Attendance: Town Clerk, J Kay.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs, B Cairns and A Whitwell (both personal).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

5. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee held on the 19th February 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

6. REVIEW OF POLICIES

a) Training and Development (adopted March 2016)

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the revised April 2019 version of the policy with one amendment to the third last paragraph "Fees paid for by the council can be recovered"

b) Investment (adopted August 2016)

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the revised April 2019 version of the policy, with the following amendments. Policy Statement No. 5: Figure revised to £250,000, Reserve Statement to be say "six months of normal expenditure" and a new statement to be added "The Clerk will have delegated authority to make investments proposals under three months that fall within the terms of 5,6 & 7".

7. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint Cllr A Stennett to review the Standing Orders and Cllr Ackroyd the Financial Regulations.



8. REGARDING 2018/19 ACCOUNTS

- a) The Chair and Town Clerk introduced the new style presentation of the 2018/19 Income & Expenditure Account. **IT WAS AGREED** the Town Clerk would try to make the “adjustments” more understandable prior to the accounts being presented to Council.
- b) **IT WAS RESOLVED** to approve the Council’s Earmarked Reserves at 31st March 2019.
- c) The position of the investments at 31st March 2019 was noted.

9. TO CONSIDER A RESIDENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

The Committee considered the benefits of a questionnaire for residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED to have a suggestion box at the upcoming Annual Assembly and in the office asking local residents for one suggestion on “how they would improve the town?” The survey would be made available on the Council’s website and advertised on social media forums.

10. CARNIVAL DURSLEY – BANK ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The Town Clerk confirmed that there had been no further communications on the closure of the Carnival Dursley bank account form the event organisers.

IT WAS AGREED to remove this matter from future agendas.

The meeting closed at 8pm.



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 Chair
 18.6.19
 Date