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Minutes of the FULL COUNCIL “virtual” meeting held on Monday 16 November 2020 at 7.00 pm

P – present, Pt – part of the meeting, Ab – absent, Ap – apologies.

Ab	Cllr Abbott	P	Cllr Douglas (Chairman)	Pt	Cllr Mignot (from item 63)
P	Cllr Anderson	P	Cllr Forfar	Ap	Cllr Scott
Ap	Cllr Barrett	P	Cllr Higby	P	Cllr Spearey (Vice-Chairman)
P	Cllr Bird	P	Cllr Marsh	P	Cllr Tennent
Ap	Cllr Couldrey	P	Cllr McGuinness	Pt	Cllr Warrillow (from item 63)

Officers in attendance: Ms M Stephens, Clerk, Mrs L Greenslade, Deputy Clerk, Mrs J Cahill, Responsible Finance Officer & Martin Johnson, Operations Manager.

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were “live” at the meeting. There were no Q&A’s.

56 MINUTES OF MEETINGS (PAPER A)

RESOLVED:

- That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 October 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record; and
- That the planning delegated decisions of w/e 2 & 23 October 2020 be noted.

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

58 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER (REPORT C)

Members considered the report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). The RFO highlighted a payment of £24,600 from Eastleigh Borough Council to cover the Council’s losses during the pandemic. Also, a sum of £2,000 had been achieved in selling off old equipment.

The Chairman said she had written thanking the Borough for its support.

RESOLVED:

- That the contents of the report be noted; and
- That the BACS payments be authorised.

59 LIBRARY TASK & FINISH GROUP (REPORT C)

Members considered the initial findings from the Library Task & Finish Group.

The first “virtual” meeting of volunteers took place on Saturday 7 November. Fifteen volunteers were now working on different aspects to see if a community managed library (in some format) could continue in the village. The Chairman explained that key financial implications would need to be considered before any decisions could be made in respect of the Parish Council’s involvement.

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council defer making any final decisions until all the financial implications of such a project were known.

60 CORPORATE PLAN TASK & FINISH GROUP (REPORT D)

The Task & Finish Group met on 12 November. At the meeting, a draft community engagement survey was presented for approval. The purposes of the engagement survey were to capture the views of residents in helping to shape and develop the Council’s priorities.

The Group approved a survey of 30 questions which should take an average of 3-5 minutes for residents to complete.

Direct costs arising from the production and consultation of the plan would be spent from within existing approved budgets.

RESOLVED:

That the Council note the timetable and method of the Corporate Plan development and community engagement consultation.

61 WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT E)

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be noted.

62 APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY/MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

One vacancy remained on the Asset Committee. There was also a vacancy on the Twynams Charities outside body which Cllr Scott had expressed an interest in.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the vacancy on the Asset Committee be carried forward to the next meeting; and
- b) That Cllr Scott be appointed as the Council’s representative on the Twynams Charities outside body membership.

63 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

RESOLVED:

That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public and the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information which would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature (commercial matter).

64 Y-ZONE REVIEW (REPORT F)

The Y Zone Youth Centre on the edge of the Bishopstoke, and Fair Oak and Horton Heath parishes, had remained a partnership between the Borough and Parish Councils run youth service, bucking the national trend.

The Y Zone project has continued to provide session delivery in much the same way it had since its inception 13 years ago. In order to ensure that the youth delivery was fit for purpose and met current needs, the management team (including all three partners) had commissioned an independent review of the service.

A report determined that a sector standard for the cost of youth work sessions, using simple comparisons from a number of services in the locality and the Y Zone accounts, would suggest that the Y Zone Centre seemed expensive, even with an adjustment in the budget.

Members recognised that the Y-zone Centre had continued to provide a good service and opportunity for young people in the area, over a long period. They agreed that investing in opportunities for young people, particularly those that are disadvantaged and disengaged, needed to remain a priority and the fallout from the pandemic had, and would, further underline this. However, they felt change was needed. As such it was:

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report be noted; and
- b) That a commissioned service be undertaken to provide a stronger environment for delivery staff to operate in, giving more direction for the work and enabling clearer reporting processes to key partners.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Signed..... Chairman

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