



## SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the General Management Committee held on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

### **Present:**

Cllr Toms (Chairman)  
Cllr Pestell (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr Dibben

Cllr Hicks  
Cllr Lewer

### **In attendance:**

Ms Nicola Duke ((Formerly Merefield) CEO and Town Clerk)  
Mrs Claire Commons (Acting Committee Services Officer)  
Cllrs Harvey, Steve and Pritchard and 1 member of the public

### **Public Consultation**

Mr Cook - spoke regarding items that were published in the local press and urged the council to bring sanction to members who wrote in the press in a manner which brought the council image down.

Cllr Pritchard – advised that he had received a request to attend Cabinet at NDDC with an appropriate member from Shaftesbury Town Council. It was agreed that Cllrs Hicks and Steve would attend. The CEO asked that the attending members reported back. Cllr Pritchard also enquired whether there was local press present at meetings, that he had been unable to establish whether there was a reporter for the Valley News. It was **AGREED** to formally write and request the information.

ACTION: ACTING COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

### **01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Cook due to vacation. Apologies had not been received from Cllr Proctor and it was **AGREED** to write to him to remind him of his obligation to send apologies.

ACTION: CLLR PRITCHARD

### **02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE**

Members were provided with the opportunity under the Localism Act 2011 to declare any pecuniary interests or dispensations to participate in the meeting. There were none.

### **03. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

It was noted that there were no recommendations from committees or the council workshop requiring discussion by this committee.

**04. BARTON HILL CAR PARK and GOVERNMENT WORKS LOAN**

It was noted that items 4 (Barton Hill Car Park) and 5 (Government Works Loan) would be taken together as the action to be proposed was linked. Cllr Dibben provided a report on proposals for service delivery. The CEO requested members considered the impact of the proposals from both a financial and workload perspective. It was noted that the detail of the projects would need to be researched thoroughly and brought back to full council. The CEO verified that the committee understood the council's liabilities in relation to taking ownership of the swimming pool. Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Hicks **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to seek the early surrender of the lease for Barton Hill car park and the early transfer of Coppice Street area back to Shaftesbury Town Council to be placed into the Community Interest Company with the Council's intention being to incorporate the Barton Hill Trust into the Community Interest Company therefore having one organisation to manage recreation, sport and open space for the town. (Policy 0713/GEM/04a) (Statutory Authority – OSA 1906 s10) (Financial Implication – none at this point) (Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given)

**ACTION: OFFICERS**

It was further agreed to write to the Barton Hill Trust to discuss membership from its representative groups.

**ACTION: CLLR DIBBEN**

Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Toms **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to set the request for a Government Works loan at a level in support of the setting up of revenue generating services in support of the services required by the growing community due to development. (Policy 0713/GEM/04b) (Statutory Authority – ?) (Financial Implication – none at this point) (Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given)

Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pestell **SECONDED** and it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** to amend policy 0713/GEM/04a to seek the early surrender of the lease for Barton Hill car park, the early transfer of Coppice Street area and the freehold transfer of the pool buildings to Shaftesbury Town Council to be placed into the Community Interest Company with the Council's intention being to incorporate the Barton Hill Trust into the Community Interest Company therefore having one organisation to manage recreation, sport and open space for the town. (Policy 0713/GEM/04c) (Statutory Authority – OSA 1906 s10) (Financial Implication – none at this point) (Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given)

**05. TOWN CRIER (previously agenda item 6)**

A report had been circulated and additional advice received from the council's employment advisers was given. Cllr Pestell **PROPOSED**, Cllr Lewer **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to retain the services of the town crier on a self employed basis. (Policy 0713/GEM/05) (Statutory Authority 0 LGA 1972 s111) (Financial Implication – none) (Statutory Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given)

**06. FOOTBALL CLUB (previously agenda item 7)**

a) Members considered a grant request from Shaftesbury Sports Club Limited. Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pestell **SECONDED** and it was unanimously:

**RESOLVED** to award a grant of £1400 Shaftesbury Sports Club Limited. (Policy 0713/GEM/6) (Statutory Authority – OSA 1906 s.10) (Financial Implication - £1400)

*Grants and SLA's) (Public Sector Equality Duty – Due consideration of the duty was given)*

- b) It was reported that there was a delay in the development of a lease for Shaftesbury Football Club House due to personal circumstances.

**07. SUMMER SWIMMING 2013** *(previously agenda item 8)*

The CEO reported on the tender process for the bus provision for swimming during August 2013. Cllr Toms **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pestell **SECONDED** and it was

**RESOLVED** to award the contract for an hourly bus service to and from Riversmeet Swimming Pool to South West Coaches. *(Policy 0713/GEM/7) (Statutory Authority – LGA MPA ????) (Financial Implication – up to £7,000) (Public Sector Equality Duty – due consideration of the duty was given)*

ACTION: OFFICERS

**08. STRATEGIC PLAN / CAPITAL PROGRAMME** *(previously agenda item 9)*

- a) The report on the current status of projects within the Strategic Plan and the Capital Programme was received and noted.
- b) It was noted that remedial action had been taken to enable to projects to resume progress by virtue of the CEO's early part time return from maternity leave.

**09. CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted that it was traditional to write to the Royal Family on occasions of significance and it was **AGREED** to send a letter of congratulations to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on the birth of their son.

ACTION: OFFICERS

**10. CHAIRMANS URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**11. PUBLIC RELATIONS**

It was **AGREED** that Cllrs Toms and Pritchard would prepare a press release for promoting the bus service to Riversmeet pool in Gillingham.

Cllr Dibben **PROPOSED**, Cllr Pestell **SECONDED** and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a correction letter be sent from the Mayor to the Blackmore Vale Magazine relating to the swimming pool to redress inaccurate press which it had recently received.

ACTION: CLLRS PESTELL AND PRITCHARD