

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 14 January 2019 at 8.06 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Mrs K. Head (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, B. Hodgson, P. Bradly,
Mrs R. Jackson, R. Pailthorpe, Miss K. Pritchard, Mrs A. Singleton and D. Wakeman.

In Attendance:

The Clerk Mr P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk Ms L. Gowers, Finance Officer Mrs P. Hewitt, 1 member of the press and 1 member of the public

159 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

18/19

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs A. Stuart (unwell) and Cllr. N. Sturtivant (unwell).

160 **OPEN FORUM**

18/19

None.

161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

18/19

on items on the agenda

Cllr. Mrs Singleton declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 (GRC rent).

The following Councillors declared interests in agenda item 6 (Community grant application awards):

Cllr. Best regarding the Twinning Association and CUDOS (both prejudicial).

Cllr. Bradly regarding the Museum & Heritage Centre (personal).

Cllr. Mrs Head regarding CUDOS (personal).

Cllr. Hodgson regarding the Museum & Heritage Centre (prejudicial).

Cllr. Miss Pritchard regarding Crewkerne in Bloom (personal), Museum & Heritage Centre (personal) and Rotary Club (prejudicial).

Cllr. Pailthorpe regarding the Museum & Heritage Centre (personal).

Cllr. Mrs Singleton regarding CSYAL (prejudicial) and Twinning Association (personal).

162 **TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

18/19

To agree articles for inclusion in the next issue of the newsletter

Councillors approved the proposed articles for the next edition of the newsletter.

Cllr. Miss Pritchard suggested that it would be useful to mention the faulty 'cone climber' play equipment at Happy Valley in the newsletter.

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It was AGREED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable that the public and press be excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS AND STAFFING MATTERS

163 GEORGE REYNOLDS CENTRE RENT

18/19 To review the latest accounts for the GRC and, with this in mind, agree the rent to be charged Crewkerne Sports and Youth Activities Ltd (CSYAL) for 2019/20

Cllr. Mrs Singleton left the room prior to discussion of this agenda item.

Councillors noted the latest accounts available from CSYAL and **AGREED that the rent to be charged CSYAL for 2019/20 should remain set at £1.**

Cllr. Mrs Singleton re-joined the meeting.

164 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION AWARDS

18/19 To review the draft proposal for award of grants for recommendation to Full Council

Councillors noted the proposed grant awards tabled by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee.

Cllr. Mrs Singleton left the meeting room prior to a specific discussion on the grant application from CSYAL.

Cllr. Hodgson left the room prior to a specific discussion on the grant application from the Crewkerne Museum & Heritage Centre.

It was considered and **AGREED to recommend to Full Town Council the draft recommendations for the Community Grant Applications 2019 with the amendments agreed at the meeting.**

165 SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL (SSDC) USE OF SPACE WITHIN

18/19 **THE TOWN HAL GROUND FLOOR:** To consider the rate that SSDC should be charged for use of space within the Town Hall ground floor

Councillors considered that the charging rate suggested by SSDC should be independently cross-checked to confirm that it represented fair value and Cllr. Aslett kindly offered to support the Clerk in seeking such an independent check. The Clerk was asked to provide a suitable holding response to SSDC.

166 STAFFING COMMITTEE

18/19 To receive the minutes of the January 2019 Staffing Committee and consider the recommendations contained therein

The Staffing Committee minutes were noted. It was **AGREED to accept the recommendations contained within the minutes, although the Clerk was asked to also cross-check these with the Council's employment consultants.**

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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