

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Budget meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2009 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs J Harmer (Chair), M Cunningham, G Carter, T Voyce, J Rogers,
Mrs M Piper, Mrs J Bigsby, Mrs C Berry, R Martin, A Watkins and T Wright.

8896 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from, Cllr Mrs J Voyce, S Barber, S Shing, Mrs D Joy

8897 Declarations of interest

Cllr T Voyce and Mrs J Bigsby – personal and non-prejudicial.

8898 Opportunity for Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

8899 Minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2009.

These were agreed and signed

8900 To Consider the Budget for 2010/2011

The estimated spend from this year's budget had been circulated and noted by all Members of the Council. Each heading was discussed at length and a vote was Taken by Council if needed.

Council Offices

Other Maintenance would increase to £7000. This would include the Redecoration of the Council Offices both inside and out. A vote was taken and the Motion was carried by 9 for and 2 abstentions.

It was recommended that Other Maintenance with the heading of Council Offices would increase to £7000.

Electricity would increase to £1000. A vote was taken and the motion was carried by 6 In favour, 1 against (Cllr M Cunningham) and 4 Abstentions.

It was recommended that the Electricity Budget under the heading of Council Offices would increase to £1000.

The Pavilion, Wannock Road

The rental from the Wannock Offices would be put at zero and there would be no Utilities Contribution as there is no-one in the Offices at this present time.

The Pavilion Replacement budget would also be set at zero as the Council has Instructed their solicitors to register the land with the Charities Commission. It was Felt that if anything did happen to the buildings at the Recreation Ground then our Insurance would cover the cost. A vote was taken and the motion was carried by 7 in

Favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions.

It was recommended that the Rental and utilities contribution under the heading The Pavilion, Wannock Road would be set at zero. The Pavilion Replacement would also be set at zero.

Town Centre and Community Safety

The crossing patrol budget would increase to £2150 to cover the cost of the Crossing patrol outside Polegate School. A vote was taken and this was unanimously Carried.

It was recommended that the School crossing patrol under the heading Town Centre and Community Safety would increase to £2150.

The CCTV costs would have to be looked at again as there were no figures available As to how effective the cameras are within the Polegate area. The clerk was instructed By Council to gain the up to date figures from Sussex Police Authority.

It was recommended that the Clerk speak to Sussex Authority to gain access to the figures relating to the CCTV.

Recreation Grounds/Facilities

The seat provision would remain at zero but it would be advertised on the Councils website if anyone wished a seat in the recreation grounds or in the town in Memory of someone then they should apply to the Town Clerk.

It was recommended that a note be put on the Councils website advising people if they wish to place a seat in the either the recreation grounds or in the Town they should apply to the Town Clerk.

Playground Equipment would be increased to £20,000. This would be to help with any Refurbishment of the playgrounds that we have. A vote was taken and the motion was Carried by 9 in favour and 2 abstentions.

It was recommended that the Playground Equipment budget under the heading Recreation Grounds/Facilities be increased to £20,000.

Skate park Facilities would increase to £3200 which would include the contract we Have with the maintenance company. A vote was taken and the motion was carried 9 In favour and 2 abstentions.

It was recommended that the skate park facilities, under the heading Recreation Grounds/Facilities, to £3200.

The new road budget at Brightling Road would be held at zero until we had some Stability regarding Polegate and District Model Engineering Club was gained. This Should hopefully be in the next financial year.

It was recommended that the New Road for Brightling Road under the heading of Recreation Grounds/Facilities would be placed at zero.

Highways

The Notice boards located in the Town are fit for purpose but some of them will need to Be replaced in the next financial year.

It was recommended that the Notice board budget under the heading of Highways would be increased to £1200. This would be to replace two notice boards.

Seat Provision would be increased £2000 for seats to be placed in and around the Town. A vote was taken and the motion was carried by 10 in favour and 1 against.

It was recommended that the Seat Provision under the heading Highways would increase to £2000.

Flower Beds would increase to £5000. This would take into account winter bedding in And around the Town and it would include £50 for bulb planting.

It was recommended that Flower Beds and displays under the heading Highways would increase to £5000. This would include £50 for bulb planting and winter bedding around the town.

Council Office Garden would increase to £400. This would include the crossroads Beds.

It was recommended that the Council office Garden under the heading Highways would increase to £400.

Focal Enhancement on A2270/A27 would remain at £2000. This would incorporate the Windmill sign at the Crossroads and the title would become Town Focal Enhancement.

It was recommended that the Focal Enhancement would rename to Town Focal Enhancement.

Street Lighting

Xmas Decorations would increase to £10,000. A vote was taken and the motion was Carried by 8 in favour and 3 against.

It was recommended that the Xmas decorations under the heading of Street Lighting would increase to £10,000.

A general discussion took place as the dead spots in Polegate with lighting around the Town. It was felt that a review should be taken about the Towns Street Lighting and this was agreed.

It was recommended that a review of all the street lights and the dead spots should be undertaken. Cllr R Martin agreed to undertake this task.

The Polegate Partnership

This would remain the same but the Administration cost would be looked into by the Clerk.

It was recommended that the Polegate Partnership would remain the same by the administration budget would be looked into by the Clerk and reported to the Finance Committee.

Youth Worker Polegate Project

The Youth worker expenditure would increase to £9500 as there are now 3 Youth Workers that Polegate Town Council pays for. Two at Polegate and one at Willingdon Community School which the Councils shares with Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council. The other youth activities would decrease to £500.

It was recommended that the Youth Expenditure under the heading Youth Worker Polegate Project be increased to £9500 and the Other Youth Activities would decrease to £500.

The Retired

The Retired budget would be decreased to £500.

It was recommended that the Retired budget under the same heading would be decreased to £500.

The totals for all sections were read out by the Clerk.

It was recommended that these proposals would be taken to the Finance Committee and then to Full Council for Approval.