

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JANUARY POLICY & RESOURCES**
of the **Council** held following the Monthly meeting in the
Council Offices, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on
Monday 11th January 2010.

Present **Cllr. John Robinson (Chairman)**
 Cllr. Dudley waters (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllrs. A. Blakemore D. Brown, M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown, N. Dunn, S. Hannan,
 T. Jeanes, J. Robinson, I. Sutherland, S. Sutherland, S. Green, P. Bodo

Officer L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs. M. Robinson

2. Declaration of interest

CCTV: Cllrs. John Robinson, D.Brown

3. Matters of Information

3.1 None

4. Reports

4.1 Rolla Ramp

The Clerk brought details of the above to the meeting.

It was felt that in an emergency such a ramp would not be used.

RESOLVED

To take no further action.

4.2 National Competition Britain in Bloom

The Clerk circulated a comprehensive report on the entry for the National competition and resources which will be necessary if a realistic bid is to be made.

Cllr. I. Sutherland confirmed that help and assistance is now available from DCC.

RESOLVED

The Community Development Officer to coordinate the entry and to work additional hours as and when necessary. This to be monitored on a regular basis.

5. Financial Matters

5.1 Monthly Accounts

RESOLVED

The monthly accounts as had been circulated were approved for payment

5.2 Donations / Grants:

None had been received

5.3 Local Government Pension Scheme

Information on the increase of the town council's contribution had been circulated.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

5.4 Photocopier

The Clerk informed members that 4 quotes have now been received.

RESOLVED

The Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk to consider all received and bring back recommendations to Council.

6. Training: Allotments

Information on a training event had been received.

RESOLVED

To receive the information.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Overview & Scrutiny Review – Anti-Social Behaviour People and Places (DCC)

A letter has been received from Dr. David Boyes (DCC) requesting information about anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED

To respond suggesting that the fear of crime is greater than crime itself, but that the solution to anti-social behaviour lies in additional financial resources and more diversionary measures put in place particularly on Friday / Saturday evenings.

7.2 Zurich Insurance

This was discussed under EXEMPT INFORMATION

A response has been received from Zurich re tree on North End.

RESOLVED

To receive the information and take no further action at this time.

7.3 CCTV Monitoring & Running Costs: DCC

Cllrs. John Robinson and David brown declared an interest and took no part in the discussions.

The Clerk reported that she had received a final demand for the CCTV service. She had contacted other Clerks in the old SBC area and with the exception of Great Aycliffe – all of the others have withheld payment.

The Clerk confirmed a letter has been sent to DCC seeking an explanation as to why the charge is being implemented when other double taxation services are being provided throughout the county at no charge to individual local councils.

It was suggested that whilst the payment is being held at present – in the longer term this probably should be paid as no prior notice of withholding payment had been given to DCC. However the situation is to be revisited in Feb/ March and a decision taken as to whether STC will pay for this service in 2010 / 2011.

RESOLVED

To withhold payment for 2009/2010 for the present and consider the situation re the CCTV service for 2010 at the next appropriate meeting.

7.4 Platform Lift Battery Back Up: ECA Lifts

Information for the above has been received.

RESOLVED

To take no further action

7.5 Lyric Singers: Mrs. Bryant

A letter has been received from the Lyric Singers confirming that they will discuss their use of the Parish hall at their next meeting in February.

RESOLVED

To await their response

7.6 Cemetery Lodge: email

An e mail re mould in the Lodge has been received.

RESOLVED

To see further information

8. Bus Shelters – Insurance Quotes

Quotations for insuring all of the bus shelters have been received from Zurich.

RESOLVED

Not to take any further action on this at this time.

9. Policy: Communication / Correspondence between STC Office & Members

The Clerk had circulated a policy / protocol re the above.

RESOLVED

To adopt the policy

10. Path Finder Programme

The Clerk had circulated information on the above.

RESOLVED

To take part in the above if the bid made by Peterlee is successful and on condition there are no costs to the Town Council.

11. Flooring: Fletcher Room

The Clerk informed members that the flooring in the Fletcher Room is in need of replacement.

RESOLVED

To obtain quotes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.