

SEDGEFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES

Minutes of the proceedings of the **JULY POLICY & RESOURCES** of the **Council** held following the Monthly meeting in the **Council Offices**, Advice & Information Centre, Sedgefield, on **Monday 14th July 2008**.

1. Apologies

- Present** **Cllr. John Robinson (Chair)**
Cllr. Dudley Waters (Vice-Chair) and
Cllrs. T. Jeanes, S. Sutherland, S. Hannan, M. Robinson, I. Sutherland, N. Dunn,
M. Brown, H. Clifford-Brown
- Officer** L. K. Swinbank (Town Clerk)
Cllrs. A. Blakemore

2. Declaration of interest

None

3. Matters of Information

3.1 Council Offices

Members were informed that there are now a number of applications for LIP funding going through the process within the Sedgefield area therefore there is likely to be no money left for the Council Offices.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

3.2 BSF

Cllr. Sue Hannan is attending a meeting in a week's time and will report back to the next P&R.

3.3 Sedgefield Together

The Working Party at 6.30 pm on Monday 4th August.

3.4 Parish Hall Users

The meeting is being arranged for 7 pm on 2nd September.

4. Reports

4.1 Community College

Cllr. Sue Hannan gave a detailed report at the Monthly meeting.

4.2 Youth Council: Funding and attending meetings

This had been discussed at the previous P&R committee meeting in June.

Members were reminded it had been agreed to give a grant to the Youth Council and also an "attendance allowance".

RESOLVED

- i) To give a grant of £500 to the Youth Council**
- ii) To give an attendance allowance of £20 per meeting attended**

5. Financial Matters

5.1 Monthly Accounts

The Clerk said that whilst she had been on leave there had been problems with the printer for the accounts and the planning packages therefore these had been unable to be circulated.

The accounts would therefore be discussed at an additional short P&R meeting the following week.

5.2 Quarterly Review of Estimates

RESOLVED

To defer discussion on these to the additional P&R committee meeting to be held after the Community Development committee meeting the following week

Cllr. David Brown commented on the NEP funding and help for Bradbury for the Bus Shelter.

RESOLVED

Cllr. David Brown and Cllr. John Robinson to discuss this and to bring back suggestions to the next meeting

5.3 Donations / Grants: Section 137

5.3.1 WRVS

RESOLVED

To give a donation of £25

This was given under Section 137

5.3.2 Mencap

RESOLVED

Not to give a donation at this time

5.3.3 Sedgefield Rotary Club – Youth Awards

A letter has been received from the Rotary Club re the 2008 Youth Awards and inviting a representative to attend the meeting on Tuesday 22nd July at Ceddesfeld Hall.

RESOLVED

Cllr. Dudley Waters to attend on behalf of the Town Council

5.4 Town Council Tree Surveys

Information has now been received from Rodger Lowe, Tree Preservation Officer at SBC re Tree Survey at a cost of 30p per tree (rather than £2).

RESOLVED

To accept the offer by Sedgefield Borough Council

6. Training

None

7 Correspondence

7.1 Sedgefield Lyric Singers

A letter has been received from Sedgefield Lyric Singers re issues with use of the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to respond accordingly – and to circulate to Members before being sent to the Lyric Singers

7.2 Commission for Rural Communities

Information has been received from the above re Strengthening the Role of Local Councils.

RESOLVED

To receive the information

8. Council Offices - Alterations

This had been discussed within Matters of Information.

9. Paint on Stage/Damage to Stage

It was reported that there has been some damage to the front of the new Stage facility and there remains issues with the sound and light equipment.

RESOLVED

- i) Cllr. Ian Sutherland to be trained for the lighting and sound equipment in order to help out the hirers of the Hall who wish to use the equipment**
- ii) The Town Council to implement a bond/deposit requirement for all hirers of the Hall**
- iii) The Town Council to obtain a tarpaulin for use when groups set up the Stage**
- iv) The Parish Hall to be an agenda item on all future P&R agendas**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9 p.m.