

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Friday 7th June 2019 Council Chambers 49, High Street, Polegate 10.00am

Present: Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, Ms A Snell, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, D Sanders **(8)**

Not Present: - Cllr M Falkner **(1)**

No members of the public present

Minute Number	Resolution
12690	Opportunity for Public Comment None
12691	Apologies for absence Cllr M Falkner
12692	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing Wealden District Councillors, Cllr D Murray Pevensey & Cuckmere water Level Management Board; Cllrs Mrs M Piper & D Murray as directors of Polegate War memorial recreation ground CIC; Cllr D Murray as trustee of Wannock Village Hall.
12693	Minutes of Finance & Policy committee meeting of 8th March 2019 A Councillor asked that the website be checked to make sure there is a page detailing the room hire – <i>this was deferred at the meeting on 8th March 2019 pending further information (minute number 12640)</i> <i>Cllr S Shing arrived at 10.01am</i> <u>It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance & Policy meeting of 8th March 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, Ms A Snell, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, D Sanders</u>
12694	Accounts for payment as presented A Councillor asked about the payment for the timer in the High St toilets. <u>It was resolved to accept the accounts for payment as presented to the value of £16,705.17 VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, Ms A Snell, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, D Sanders</u>
12695	Policies (new and revised) a) Statement of Intent to Community Engagement Policy (revised) Item iii: Councillors discussed the Notice boards. A Councillor suggested asking Lidl whether they would site one either on their grounds or inside the shop. Item v: A Councillor asked if Council has a SSALC representative – <i>Cllr Ms Angela Snell is the SSALC representative.</i> Item iii: Councillors also discussed the wording re the period set aside for public comment at the beginning of each meeting. Councillors requested it be changed to read “All meetings of

the Town Council and its committees and sub committees are open to the public. A period is set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public comment on the Agenda".
Councillors also discussed ways of improving communication with the local community. A Councillor requested that the Town Clerk investigate the costs to produce and deliver a newsletter from the Councillors to update the community on Council activities.

Cllr D Dunbar left at 10.39am

It was resolved to adopt the Statement of Intent with the above amendment. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, Ms A Snell, M Cunningham, D Sanders

A Councillor requested that a new bullet point be added at the end of item iii to read "Meet Your Councillor coffee mornings are held periodically to informally promote community involvement and communication"

b) Equal Opportunities Statement (*revised*)

Item 5.1: A Councillor stated it is not a new act and requested the removal of the word 'new'.

A Councillor requested that the wording be changed to read "The Equality Act 2010 legally protects people from discrimination in the workplace and in wider society. It replaced previous anti-discrimination laws with a single Act making the law easier to understand and strengthening protection in some situations. It sets out the different ways in which it is unlawful to treat someone". (extracted from Government website)

Councillors requested that the lists of Acts be removed.

Item 2.3: A Councillor requested that the word 'council' should have a capital C

It was resolved to approve the Equal Opportunities Statement with the above amendments.

VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, S Shing, Mrs M Piper, M Cunningham, D Sanders

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One abstention Cllr Ms A Snell (1)

The meeting closed at 11.24 am

Signed by _____ Chair of Finance & Policy

Dated _____