

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on Friday 14th December 2018 Council Chambers 49, High Street, Polegate 10.00am

Present: Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, D Dunbar, B Goodwin, Mrs M Piper, M Falkner, S Shing **(6)**

Not Present: - Cllrs Ms A Snell **(1)**

No members of the public present Cllr S Dobson present

Minute Number	Resolution
12563	<i>Cllr D Watts chaired the meeting until Cllr D Murray arrived at 10.01am</i> Opportunity for Public Comment None
12564	Apologies for absence Cllr Ms A Snell
12565	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda Cllr S Shing declared his interest as a County Cllr on minute 12568 <i>Cllr Murray arrived at 10.01am</i>
12566	Minutes of Finance & Policy committee meeting of 16th November 2018 <u>It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance & Policy meeting of 16th November 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed. VOTE All in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, D Dunbar, B Goodwin, Mrs M Piper, M Falkner, S Shing</u>
12567	Payments as presented for approval The payments for the solicitors and the CIC were mentioned. <u>It was resolved to accept the payments as present totaling £12,795.25 VOTE ALL in favour Cllrs D Murray, D Watts, D Dunbar, B Goodwin, Mrs M Piper, M Falkner, S Shing</u>
12568	Grass Cutting Contract 2019/2020 The grass cutting contract for the current year was discussed at length and the contract quotations for 2019/2020. The difference between contracts was around £7000. The merits of using a new contractor and the issues surrounding that were debated at length along with the quality over costs. A motion was put to select the lowest quote from contractor E, this was seconded. The 13 cuts price being £18,525 with additional cuts at £1355 each. A Councillor commented that the contribution from ESCC was also now reducing. There were concerns that if the higher figure were removed from the budget, future councils may not have enough money to fund more cuts without raising the precept.

A motion was put and seconded that contractor B be selected £24,960 with additional cuts at £1900 each.)
The first motion put and seconded was voted upon.
It was resolved to select contractor E (Countrymans) for 13 cuts at £18,525 with two additional cuts to be paid for from general reserves at £1355 each if required. VOTE 4 for Cllrs D Murray, S Shing, M Falkner, B Goodwin 3 against Cllrs D Dunbar, D Watts, Mrs M Piper. MOTION carried.

The clerk was asked to organize a meeting with the new contractor with Cllr Murray, Cllr Dunbar and the town clerk as soon as possible before the commencement of the new contract in 2019.

The meeting closed at 10.52 am

Signed by _____ Chair of Finance & Policy

Dated _____

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