



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 14TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 8.00PM.

Membership: Councillors S. Bull (Ex-officio), Mrs D.Lemay (Committee Chairman), J.Warren, J.G.Ling (Ex-officio), S.Basra, G.Bonner (Deputy Committee Chairman) and R.Bennett.

Present: Councillors J.Ling, G.Bonner, S.Bull and Mrs D. Lemay.

Officer in attendance: Jill Jones (Town Clerk)

440. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillor Warren.

441. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations.

442. TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman stated that she had nothing to report.

443. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH JANUARY 2013

Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes are a true record.

Item 382. Business Continuity Plan - Needs amending as the Centre now has permanent residents (Bramble Hill).

Item 376 - Highways - Noted that the system is improved and this should be acknowledged.

Noted that although engineers had attended the A507 roundabout, the flooding situation is still in evidence.

444. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE TRAFFIC ACTION GROUP AND MATTERS ARISING.

Councillor Bonner stated that there is nothing new to report.

445. TO CONSIDER ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE INCLUDING QUOTATION FOR WORKS TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND ANTE ROOM.

Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the quotation of £2835.60 for works to the Clerk's Office and ante room be accepted for commencement after 1.4.2013.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a franking machine is leased for one year from Pitney Bowes at a cost of £12.95 per annum.

446. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SETH WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The Chairman explained that Bramble Hill has requested additional storage space to be sited in the grounds of the Centre. Since that time a storage facility has become available inside the centre but will need some work to make it suitable for the needs of the Centre and Bramble Hill. Bramble Hill has offered to contribute towards the cost of the work.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That up to £1,000 is agreed plus £600 contribution from Bramble Hill for the works to the storage facility at the Seth Ward Community Centre, funds from SWCC accounts.

447. TO CONSIDER GRANT REQUESTS.

Buntingford Cricket Club

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £650 is awarded to Buntingford Cricket Club for the purchase of 3 germination sheets.

T.Makin

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That a grant of £100 is awarded to T.Makin towards sponsorship equipment.

Neighbourhood Watch

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That subject to confirmation from local Police that Operation Stomp is a genuine initiative, a grant of £100 is made to East Herts Neighbourhood Watch.

448. TO CONSIDER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUNTINGFORD'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND TWINNING.

The Chairman explained that it had been suggested at the last Resources meeting that responsibility for Christmas lights and Twinning should be passed to the Amenities Committee. Amenities have suggested that these items should be the responsibility of the Liaison Committee and have approved a recommendation to Full Council reflecting this opinion.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RECOMMENDED

That Christmas Lights and Twinning come under the auspices of the Resources Committee.

449. TO FORM A WORKING PARTY TO NEGOTIATE WITH EAST HERTS COUNCIL REGARDING THE LEASE OF BOWLING GREEN LANE CAR PARK AND DECIDE MEMBERSHIP THEREOF.

Following a proposal, second and a vote of 3 in favour and 1 abstention it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Lemay, Councillor G.Bonner and the Assistant Clerk form the working party to negotiate with East Herts Council regarding the lease of Bowling Green Lane Car Park.

450. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE YOUTH COUNCIL AND MATTERS ARISING.

The Clerk stated that there was nothing new to report. The Chairman of the Youth Council will attend the March meeting of the Resources Committee at 8pm.

451. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

Councillor Ling reported that the Twinning visit which incorporates the opening of Rue de Buntingford coincides with the Council's Annual Meeting. To avoid any confusion over who is Mayor at the unveiling and following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RECOMMENDED

That the meetings scheduled for the 30th May 2013 (Planning, Annual Meeting and Full Council) be rescheduled to 23rd May 2013.

452. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY.

Councillor Bull reported that due to the original builders going out of business, the charity's solicitor is preparing an agreement for the new builders at the 76, High Street site.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next meeting of the Resources Committee: **Thursday 14th March 2013 at 8.00pm.**