

MINUTES OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

3rd March 2025, 7:30pm
The Guildhall

Cllr Eyre	Present	Cllr Gibson	Present
Cllr T Martin	Present	Cllr Rowlands	Present
Cllr Cook	Present	Cllr Saunders	Present
Cllr Crayford	Present		

In attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

194. Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

195. Declarations of Interest

None.

196. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting dated 3rd February 2025.**

197. Monthly Reports

The Town Clerk highlighted the issue with the electricity payments, which is currently being investigated. It was requested whether two councillors could sign the CCLA withdrawal form ready for when funds were needed to be drawn down. A discussion took place and it was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that £50,000 be transferred from the CCLA.**

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson , seconded by Cllr Rowlands, and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to note the monthly reports.**

198. Strategic Working Group Minutes

Cllr T Martin noted that the Heritage, Buildings and Creek Committee had not been able to progress its actions due to the delay in the transfer of property and the intricacies of the creek bridge and sluices.

Cllr Rowlands proposed, Cllr Gibson seconded and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to request that each committee reviews their action plan.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to discuss item 2 in Private Session**

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It was proposed by Cllr Cook, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to review the Strategic Plan in 3 month's time.**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr , and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that Cllr C Martin joins the Strategic Working Group**

199. Earmarked Reserves

Cllr Cook proposed, seconded by Cllr Gibson it was **RESOLVED to keep £10,000 in the EMR and look at vans that align with the council's climate ambitions.**

Cllr Crayford proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to reject the recommendations on the EMR report to vire £20,000 for government reorganisation.**

A discussion took place regarding the EMR for active travel, but it was confirmed that it had been set aside for 20mph compliance. The EMR for the Creek was raised, Cllr T Martin confirmed that the creek bridge sluicing had been a long term ambition. Awaiting detailed quoted for dredging.

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Earmarked Reserves.**

200. Insurance

Cllr Crayford withdrew from the conversation due to a DNPI. Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Gibson and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to agree a three year long term agreement with Company A.**

5 FOR 2 ABST

201. Matters for Report

Policy review schedule

202. Private Session

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the**

public interest because of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted.

203. Legal Services

Cllr Crayford proposed, seconded by Cllr Rowlands and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting.***

204. Oare Gunpowder Works

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to take forward an expression of interest for Oare Gunpowder Works***

5 FOR 2 AGAINST

205. Strategic Working Group

Cllr Crayford proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to that the Strategic Working Group develop the criteria for consideration at the next meeting.***

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED that it*** was not so pressing to speak to other parishes informal discussion with TC with other parish councils.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Cook and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Strategic Working Group***

The meeting closed at 21.45