MINUTES OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday 19th March 2014 Commencing at 7.00 pm In The Council Chamber, Staveley Hall

Present:

Councillor A. Hill (Chair)
Councillor D. Collins (Vice-Chair)
Councillor J. Bacon
Councillor B. Dyke
Councillor C. Ludlow
Councillor E. Tidd

In attendance – Ian Haddock Assistant Financial Officer
2 Members of the Press or Public were present

		ACTION
601/13	PUBLIC SESSION Jayne Collins and Kevin Caudwell from Staveley Hall Garden Nursery requested a meeting with members to discuss the future of the Garden Nursery. It was agreed that they would attend the next Ordinary Meeting and raise the issue in the non public session. They then left the meeting.	
602/13	DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.	
603/13	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor J. Barnett – family commitments Councillor H. Elliott - holiday	
604/13	COUNCILLORS NOT PRESENT There were no Councillors not present.	
605/13	MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 th FEBRUARY 2014 It was noted that these Minutes had already been approved at	

the Ordinary Meeting of Staveley Town Council held on 18th March 2014.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2014

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

607/13 | FINANCIAL ISSUES

Councillor Collins asked for clarification on the issues surrounding Middlecroft Allotments. Copies of emails were presented to the Committee regarding the money for King George's Park and the improvements to Middlecroft Allotments. Ian Haddock was meeting the contractors on site shortly, and would also raise the issue of parking by contractors vehicles. The key issue was whether or not the contractors were expected to fund these works, and also if the money for the park had been included in the sale price received.

608/13 HEART OF STAVELEY PROJECT

Members noted that there was still a shortfall in funding for the project, and that Staveley Town Council had contributed more than could have been expected.

Members raised the issue of the Garden Nursery. Ian Haddock informed the Committee that there had been a licence drawn up stipulating that they would provide hanging baskets and plants in lieu of rent i.e. no money would change hands. The estimated cost to Staveley Town Council of the Garden Nursery i.e. Rent, electricity and water supply was presented to the Committee along with estimates supplied by the Garden Nursery of the value of services provided by them. It was agreed to make available at the next Ordinary Meeting a copy of the signed licence agreement, estimates of costs incurred by Staveley Town Council directly linked to the Garden Nursery, estimates of the value of goods and services provided by the Garden Nursery, and an indication of how the notional rent and supplies provided by Staveley Town Council were shown in the Garden Nursery's accounts.

609/13 | SPEEDWELL ROOMS PROJECT

Members discussed reopening the bar at The Speedwell Rooms. Councillor Ludlow would undertake to clean the beer

	lines.
	It was RECOMMENDED that the setting up of a Speedwell Rooms Sub-Committee be added to the agenda for the next Ordinary Meeting.
	Training in bar operations for Staveley Town Council employees should be considered alongside the market training which was in the process of being organised.
610/13	STAVELEY MARKET Staff training had been discussed under the previous item.
611/13	WINTER ARRANGEMENTS RECOMMENDED – That this item be held in abeyance until Autumn 2014.
	PART II – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS
612/13	PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT), 1960
	RESOLVED – That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during the discussion thereof.
613/13	RESTRUCTURING ISSUES Nothing to report.