



RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Committee meeting held on
Thursday 14th October 2021 at 19.00hrs in the Town Hall, 1 High Street,
Cullompton, EX15 1AB

Present

Chair: Councillor M Beckwith

Committee Members: Councillors: J Buczkowski and C Snow

In Attendance:

Note: Councillors attending by remote access are not able to participate nor vote in the meeting but may raise questions during the agenda item for Members' Questions

Councillors: A Connolly

Officers J Norris (Town Clerk)

1 Member of the public attended the meeting.

R 65. Election of Chair

The election of a Committee Chair was considered.

RESOLVED that Councillor Beckwith be elected as the Committee Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

R 66. Chair's Announcements

There were no Chair's announcements.

R 67. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews, Dale, Haslett and Rowe.

R 68. Declarations of Interests

No declarations of interests were made regarding any items on the Agenda at this stage of the meeting.

R 69. Public Participation

This agenda item allows members of the public present at the meeting to raise matters which are relevant to the work of the Committee.

Speaker 1

The Speaker said that he had 3 items he would like to raise:

1. The minutes of the Resources Committee held on 9 Resources 9 should show the reason why the meeting was adjourned.
2. At a recent meeting the Speaker had asked the Mayor why she had not responded to his email to do with a Resources Committee issue of 9 November; the Mayor had called and asked for the relevant documents to be supplied by other means which was done but no reply had been received.
3. In the minutes of the meeting held on Friday morning, the follow-on Resources Committee – here was an item concerning the speaker’s FOI request concerning the topple testing at the chapel; the minutes for that meeting basically say no further action, vexatious request and it was frivolous. It was not a vexatious request, it was an important issue on health and safety matters which can be backed up by emails and photographs. One of the items not supplied was details of locations of graves where there was defects in the headstones. In February 2010 the Speaker was involved with setting up information for Deceased On-Line for all graves to be monitored and listed with a map.
4. The Speaker said he is rather concerned that he is still not getting responses from the Clerk or Councillors to valid requests.

R 70. Minutes:

- (i) To confirm the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2021 as a correct record. (Supporting Paper A to the Agenda)
- (ii) To confirm the Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2021 as a correct record. (Supporting Paper B to the Agenda)

It was agreed to defer consideration of the minutes to the next meeting of the Committee.

R 71. Action List

The Action List relating to the Resources Committee was received and reviewed. (Supporting Paper C to the Agenda)

R 72. Financial Matters

Information on current financial matters including, the current balance sheet, Income and expenditure reports (Supporting Papers D, D1-D7 to the Agenda) and the creditors list were provided for consideration.

RESOLVED

- (i) That functional reporting is put as an agenda item for the next Committee meeting so that Councillors can decide where they would like more detail within Committee budget responsibilities; the Councillor ideas will then be used as the basis for dialogue with staff about the information that will need to be collected and recorded; the ultimate aim is having more accurate, factual information about the cost of Town Council functions.
- (ii) Reserves policy and investment policy to be listed as agenda items at a future meeting

R 73. 20:00 Councillor Buczkowski left the meeting; the meeting was then not quorate and the Chair declared the meeting closed.