

Minutes



OF THE MEETING OF

Council

Listening Learning Leading

HELD AT 6.00PM ON 26 APRIL 2012

AT COUNCIL OFFICES, CROWMARSH GIFFORD

Present:

Mr F Bloomfield (Chairman)

Ms A Badcock, Mr R Bell, Ms J Bland, Mrs D Brown, Mrs J Carr, Mrs C Collett, MBE, Mr S Connel, Mr B Cooper, Ms K Crabbe, Mr P Cross, Mrs M Davies, Mrs P Dawe, Mr L Docherty, Mr D Dodds, Mrs E Gillespie, Mr M Gray, Mr W Hall, Mr M Harris, Mr N Harris, Mr P Harrison, Mr S Harrod, Mr M Hiles, Mrs E Hodgkin, Mr M Leonard, Mrs A Midwinter, Mrs J Nimmo-Smith, Rev'd A Paterson, Ms A Purse, Mr C Quinton, Mr B Service, Mr D Turner, Ms R Wallis and Mr M Welply

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr D Bretherton, Mr J Cotton, Mrs E A Ducker MBE, Mr T Harbour, Mrs E Hards, Dr C Hood, Mr A Rooke, Mr R Simister, Mrs P Slatter, Mrs M Turner and Mrs J Wood

Officers:

Mr S Bishop, Mr D Buckle, Mr S Corrigan, Mr M Prosser and Mrs M Reed

42. Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2012 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman sign them as such.

43. Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported that his charity dinner held at Phyllis Court Club, Henley on Thames on Friday 30 March 2012 had raised £3,740 for his chosen charities.

He gave notice of a charity quiz to be held in Abingdon at the Guildhall on 31 May and encouraged councillors to attend.

44. Loans for community facilities

Council considered Cabinet's recommendation, made at its meeting on 12 April, on the introduction of a new policy to provide loans from the council's reserves to town and parish councils and third party community bodies to help fund capital schemes.

Mr D Dodds, Cabinet member for finance, reported that the rate charged as set out in the final sentence of paragraph 15 of the policy should read 2.1% not 2.2%.

He confirmed that the provision of the scheme would be publicised and parish councils and charity organisations informed.

RESOLVED: to approve the community loans policy attached at appendix one to the report of the head of finance to Cabinet on 12 April 2012.

45. Amendments to the council's constitution

Council considered the report of the head of legal and democratic services on proposed changes to the council's constitution.

RESOLVED: to

1. approve the revised Community Investment Fund Grant Policy and Procedure Rules attached to the report of the head of legal and democratic services to Council on 26 April 2012 for inclusion in the constitution;
2. amend delegation 4.1 to the chief finance officer to include authority to offer business rate discounts;
3. authorise the head of legal and democratic services to make the necessary changes to the council's constitution to reflect the allocation of skin piercing, animal welfare and scrap metal and motor salvage operations to the head of health and housing and the allocation of street trading to the head of legal and democratic services;
4. amend delegation 1.2(d) of the head of economy, leisure and property as set out in paragraph nine of the report of the head of legal and democratic services to the Council meeting on 26 April 2012;
5. authorise the head of legal and democratic services to make any minor or consequential amendments to the constitution required for clarification, consistency and compliance with the council's style guide.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm

Chairman