

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee Budget meeting held on Monday 8th November 2010 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Bigsby (Chair), J Harmer, M Cunningham, J Rogers, Mrs M Piper, Mrs C Berry, R Martin.

Not Present: Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, T.Voyce.

No members of the public present

9453 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Voyce, T.Voyce

9454 Declarations of interest

Cllr Mrs Bigsby declared a pecuniary interest in item 9457 as the budget included the Polegate Partnership Flower beds of which her company pay for advertising.

9455 Opportunity for Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

9456 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2010 (adopted).

These were agreed and signed as correct.

9457 To Consider the Budget for 2011/2012

The estimated spend from this year's budget had been circulated and noted by all Members of the Council. Each heading was discussed at length and a vote was Taken by Council if needed.

The Pavilion, Wannock Road

It was recommended that the budgets for Electricity would be raised to £1300; Water would remain at £945; Sewage would reduce to £500; Maintenance would remain at £4000; Fire precautions would increase to £500 as some extinguishers were getting older; Rental would remain at zero; Utilities contribution would also remain at zero; The pavilion replacement fund would remain at zero and the £5500 presently held in the reserve code 325 would remain there.

Total for this section £6945 VOTE All in favour

Town Centre and Community Safety

It was recommended that the budget for PCSO remain at zero; CCTV costs would be increased to £2800; School crossing patrol under the heading Town Centre and Community Safety would increase to £2100.

Total for this section £4900 VOTE All in favour

Recreation Grounds/Facilities

It was recommended that the budget for General Maintenance be increased to £12500 to allow for an increase in grass cutting; The section and code for water would be removed as the water was charged under the pavilion; It was agreed that the seat provision would remain at zero as members of the public were to be invited to have memorial benches and that any remaining funds would be moved to a new code called

E&L Reserve to be used by the E&L committee for projects; The toilet provision be increased to £5700; Litter bins to be set to zero and carry forward the provision if remaining funds to next years budget; Lease charges for Oakleaf would remain at £150; Hire fees would be set to £1236 income; Dog bins were increased to include two new dogs bins (Stud farm & High Street) £3400; Playground equipment to remain at £5000 plus cost of rota web approx £9200 (new quote rec'd); Annual safety inspection to be set at zero but the £250 from this year be ring fenced and carried over to next years budget; Skate park facilities to remain at £3200; Lease charges mini railway income of £120.

A vote was taken on new dog bin in High street 4 for 3 against.

A vote was taken on new dog bin at Stud Farm 4 for 3 against.

A vote was taken on having a new rota web climber at Wannock Play Area All in favour (NB quote was expected to be IRO £3000 this has now increased to £9200).

All other items were voted upon VOTE All in favour

Total budget £25514 with rota web £34714

Highways

**It was recommended that the budget for bus shelters be set to £6500 to provide for 2 new shelters; Street signs zero; Notice boards £200; Urban Grass cutting £13800; Seat provision zero; Flower beds increase to £5500 to include winter planting; Council office garden increase to £600 to include winter planting; Town focal enhancement to be set at £354 and the £1646 from this years to be ring fenced as reserves for next year.
Total £26954**

Allotments

**It was recommended that the maintenance budget be increased to £500; Improvements be left at £200; Water charges to increase to £500; Rent of Land (Gosford) to remain at £70; Allotments income £865.
Total £405 VOTE All in favour**

Street Lighting

**It was recommended that the energy charges would increase to £11823; Maintenance would increase to £15750; New works/improvements/repairs would increase to £15000; Xmas decorations would increase to £10300; Additional xmas lighting be set to zero.
Total £52873 VOTE All in favour**

Prizes & Prize giving

**It was recommended that Best allotments remain at £50; Best gardens would remain at £50; Best Dressed house would increase to £50 to allow for 1st 2nd & 3rd prizes; Best dressed shop would increase to £50 to allow for 1st 2nd & 3rd prizes; Prize party would remain at £50.
Total £250 Vote All in favour**

The Polegate Partnership

**It was recommended that Administration would remain at zero; Replacement would remain at zero and the £500 ring fenced in reserves for the following year if unspent. Flowers beds income would remain at £250 but the clerk would look into why the other sponsors had not been invoiced and advertise the vacant sponsor plot.
Total £250 income Vote 6 for 1 against**

Youth Worker Polegate Project

The Youth worker expenditure would remain at £9500 to allow provision for the third youth worker or relocation if necessary.

**It was recommended that Youth worker expenditure remain at £9500; Income remain at zero; Other activities would be set to zero and the £250 left from this years budget be ring fenced and used for next year.
Total £9500 Vote All in favour**

The Retired

**It was recommended that the Retired budget remain at £1000
Total £1000 Vote All in favour**

The totals for all sections were read out by the Clerk.

It was recommended that these proposals would be taken to the Finance & Policy Committee for approval and those recommendations to be taken to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm