

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JUNE 2015 AT 10.00AM

- PRESENT : Councillors T Dignum, Galloway, Kilby and Scicluna
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor Plowman (in the chair for the first part of Minute 1)
- ABSENT : Councillors P Evans and T French
- IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Property Manager and Finance Manager

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Dignum be appointed Chairman of the Business Review Committee for the remainder of the Council Year. There were no other nominations.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Galloway be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Business Review Committee for the remainder of the Council Year. There were no other nominations.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Business Review Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2015 having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 FUTURE OF THE BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Chairman proposed Business Review Committee be disbanded and the workload be subsumed into the terms of reference of other Committees.

Councillors Scicluna and Plowman gave the background to the establishment of this Committee (and the former Performance Review Committee) and felt that there would be few practical advantages in this happening.

After further discussion it was :-

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Business Review Committee be disbanded and the workload be subsumed in to the terms of reference of other Committees.

4 SECTION 106 MONIES

The Property Manager said that Archibald Shaw and Partners were finalising design proposals with the intention of these plans being submitted to the September meeting of the County South Local Committee. The Property Sub Committee would be informed of progress.

5 WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL SECTION 106 PROJECTS

The Council had been advised by County Councillor Simon Oakley that the Section 106 monies could be allocated towards project management costs by third parties thus the Property Manager could now proceed without further delay with projects such as the surfacing the Pound Farm Lane track. The Property Sub Committee would be informed of progress.

6 COMMUNITY WARDEN FUNDING

The City Council were established supporters of the Community Wardens and District Council officers had advised that if any new post of Community Wardens were to be established, then it would be at full cost to the requesting Parish. The Community Affairs Committee would be asked to consider this matter further at their next meeting.

7 COUNCIL WARD REVIEW

After a discussion on 'next step' being considered by the District Council, it was agreed that it was premature to discuss this matter further.

8 LOCALISM

(i) One Stop Shop

The Chairman would pursue the 'One Stop Shop' report produced by Kim Long which had been forwarded to the District Council last year.

The Town Clerk said that he was still awaiting confirmation of meeting held several months ago with County officers about busking being transferred to the City Council. The Town Clerk considered that unless this came with 'Pre Planned activity in the Highway' licensing, then it seemed pointless to take the busking offer further as it did nothing to lessen the confusion of the responsible authorities. The Town Clerk said that the stance of City officers had always centred upon local knowledge that could be brought to the table, as well as bringing licensing functions to either a central point or one where fewer layers of administration were involved. He also said that administering the process was one thing but the question of enforcement needed to be considered.

Councillors Plowman and Scicluna referred to ongoing issues of confusion about different authorities granting permissions without apparently having visibility of what else was going on in the Precinct.

The Community Affairs Committee would give this matter further consideration at their next meeting.

(ii) 'Help Point'

The Town Clerk would follow up information given by Councillor Plowman about a more formalised arrangement between the TIC at the Novium Museum and the 'TIC' role played by the City Council for many years in being a point of contact for a wide range of matter due to being a Council office with frontage to North Street. A report would be given to the next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee.

9 LOCAL PLAN – UPDATE

The Planning Adviser would be submitting a report to the July meeting of the Planning and Conservation Committee.

10 COMMUNITY ASSETS

The Chairman said that a list submitted to the City Council some time ago needed to be revisited and a better definition 'community asset' applied especially to buildings of community significance. This would be taken forward by the Planning and Conservation Committee.

The meeting ended at 10.55 am