

# NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

**Present** – Councillors Peter Groves (Chair), Penny Butterill, David Marren, Arthur Moran, Philip Staley and John Statham together with the Town Clerk.

Also present: Councillor, Stuart Bostock and David Greaves

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Councillors Andrew Martin and Carole Thomas

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3 MINUTES OF POLICY COMMITTEE OF 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### **4 CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN**

Members considered the previously circulated actions from the draft Corporate Strategic Plan. The Clerk informed members that whilst the plan is still out to consultation it was prudent to consider any possible budget pressures because of any of the actions identified in the next 12 months. The Chair lead members through each of the themes to consider any possible budget requirements to recommend to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Marren suggested funding consideration for the opportunities identified through working with Nantwich Partnership. The Clerk suggested that the ear marked reserves currently held of £10,000 for the Nantwich Partnership could be carried forward into 2021/22.

The Chair asked if the appointment of the Town Ranger would be budgeted for in 2021/22, the Clerk confirmed that she had already included this within the draft budget.

Members discussed the work to the Pillory and Millennium Clock, and the Clerk confirmed that she had included budget allowance within the draft budget for these works.

The Clerk informed members that she had sought costs for an additional CCTV at Love Lane and shared with members the details. The cost would be £7,500 with an additional offer from the CCTV Manager that they would fund the upgrading of transmission equipment of £3750 if the Town Council were to go ahead with the additional camera.

The Clerk also shared with members the initial figures she had obtained from one of the consultants who specialise in public conveniences to help members understand the potential costs. The figures for upgrading Snowhill were £54,254 with a yearly cleaning service of £8,000. The Clerk advised that she had also contacted a second consultant but was still awaiting their proposals. Members discussed the proposals, and whilst supporting the idea agreed that further information would be required before making any recommendations, including clarification on the legal position of ownership of the building and land.

Councillor Marren highlighted the potential of grant funding for the war memorial suggesting this could be sought. The Clerk advised that as the Town Council were not the custodians of the war memorial it would not qualify for the funding.

The Chair asked if there would be a budget pressure associated with the staffing structure review. The Clerk confirmed that there would be a cost associated with appointing SLCC and

NALC to conduct an independent review, but it is also possible that there could be a cost linked to any recommendations from the review.

Members considered potential additional funding linked to extending the floral displays, and the Clerk suggested additional funding could be linked to either the costs associated with the work ANSA provided or to the volunteers of Nantwich in Bloom who provide an excellent service to the town.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to recommend to the Finance Committee:

- a) The carry over of ear marked reserves for Nantwich Partnership;
- b) A budget for the appointment of a Town Ranger;
- c) Funding for the repair of the Pillory and Millennium Clock;
- d) Funding of £7,500 for the installation of a CCTV camera at Love Lane;
- e) A budget for the staffing review;
- f) Additional funding for floral displays
- g) Further information on the provision of public conveniences at Snow Hill.

## **5 MEMORIAL BENCHES**

Members considered the report and draft memorial bench policy developed based on recommendations of the VAT consultant

**RESOLVED:** To recommend the approval of the Memorial Bench Policy

## **6 ALLOTMENT RENT POLICY**

Members considered the report containing proposals for the introduction of an allotment rent policy.

**RESOLVED:** It was resolved to recommend the proposals for the allotment rent policy which included:

- a) Prices based on size and banding;
- b) 10% concession for those in receipt of a stake pension;
- c) An additional £10 charge for non-residents;

**The meeting ended at 7.35pm**

Signature of Chair: .....

Date:.....