

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Policy and Resources Committee Meeting
held on Monday 16th August 2021 at 7pm in the Charter Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor D Sanger (Chairman)
Councillor B Tolley (Mayor)
Councillor M Ireland (Chairman, Planning)
Councillor D Travers (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor A Wood (Chairman, Property)
Councillor G Button
Councillor J Goffey
Councillor C Marsh
Councillor B Matravers
Councillor J Yelland

Other Members Present: Councillor T Abbots
Councillor C Holt
Councillor P Jessop

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the mass shooting in Plymouth.

217 **Declarations of Interest** – None

218 **Apologies for Absence** – None

219 **Deferment of Business** – None

220 **Members' Questions** – None

221 **IT Support Package** – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Travers, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the purchase of the fixed fee support package at a cost of £1,950 p/annum.

222 **Finances**

222.1 On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to approve payments in accordance with the schedule.

222.2 Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council's response to a letter offering the opportunity to contribute to the cost of the replacement of the Zip Wire in Simmons Park, which had been purchased originally by them, was noted. The replacement zip wire costing in excess of £12,000.

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Travers, a proposal to submit a grant application as suggested by Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council was not carried.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** that the offer of submitting a grant application for funding towards the new zip wire, according to their policy the maximum of which was £500, was disappointing. An application would not be submitted.

223 **Grants Awarded Feedback** – Feedback received as followed was noted by the Committee:

223.1 **Okehampton Duke of Edinburgh's Award** – For the grant of £500 awarded in 2020 towards insurance costs and leader training.

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223.2 Okey Music Day – For the grant of £500 awarded in 2021 towards the running costs of the event. It was noted that surplus of £315.53 would go towards Okey Music Day 2022.

224 Grant Applications –

224.1 Okehampton United Ecclesiastical Charity – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the replacement of the Town Clock faces.

224.2 Okehampton Duke of Edinburgh Award - On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Travers, it was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £500 towards the insurance costs.

224.3 Okehampton Hamlets Beating of the Bounds - On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Travers, it was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of up to £500 towards the cost of the shuttlebus from within the town, which would be paid on receipt of invoices.

225 Urgent Item – Mrs Horn, Admin Officer, was congratulated on successful completion of ILCA, Introduction to Local Council Administration, course.

PART TWO ITEMS

It was **RESOLVED** that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Cllr Tolley seconded by Cllr Goffey.

Cllrs Abbots, Holt and Jessop left the meeting.

225 Horticultural Apprenticeship – On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to appoint Mr J Peek as recommended by the recruitment panel.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to exit and ratify resolutions made in Part Two and the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm

Cllr Sanger
Chairman