

Swanley Town Council

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POLICY AND FINANCE

MINUTES

Wednesday 21st March 2018

Present: Vice Chair Cllr V Southern, Cllr L Ball, Cllr M Hogg,
Cllr R Morris, Cllr J Barnes

Also Present: Cllr P Darrington, Cllr C Barnes

Officers: CEO - Steve Nash,
RFO - Steve Innes
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Horwood – Cllr V Southern was voted in to take the Chair
Cllr Dyball – Cllr J Barnes substituting for Cllr Dyball

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None Received

10416 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 21st February 2018

APPROVED

10417 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCES

- Cllr Southern commented that the reports were very comprehensive and a great improvement on what had been provided in previous years.
- Cllr Southern was pleased to see that the Alexandra Suite had performed financially better than anticipated. He went on to say that the Olympic was performing better than it had done in the past.
- Cllr Southern hoped for a good summer so the Park could have a profitable year. Cllr Morris said that the CEO had staffed the Park well and under his stewardship staff are now properly trained and the park will go from strength to strength.
- Cllr Hogg felt that the balance sheets Reports H/I/J in the case of a loss should not be worded as a loss but use the term Council contribution. Cllr Morris suggested that the reports were for information and as such provided the councillors with data so councillors understand what events cost and how to support them.
- The RFO then brought the meeting up to date with the Creditors and Debtors comparing the figures in previous years where for the same period STC had seen figures in excess of £60,000 owed by debtors. All councillors agreed that information was far more accurate and they are kept well informed by the CEO and RFO and they are to be congratulated on the progress and changes they have made to date.

RESOLVED: To accept reports A/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/I/J

10418 COMMUNITY USE AVAILABILITY – REPORT A

To note the CEO's report on Community use availability

There were further discussions regarding the proposed Basketball Club and the Rugby Club. The CEO advised that those projects were progressing well and seemed to have support from our residents.

The future of White Oak Leisure Centre was brought up by Cllr C Barnes and the CEO summarised what we know about that at the time. It is unlikely that such sports as badminton and squash will be accommodated in a new centre which may be simply a pool and gym.

The CEO's report on Community use availability was noted

10419 PRECEPT

To note that the change in Council Tax provided the council with a 2.4% increase and not the 3.9% previously agreed while the actual amount remains unchanged Councillors welcomed the benefit for residents. Cllr Southern said that he intended to submit an FOI request to the SDC so as to understand the source and disposition of CIL money in the District.

Change in Council Tax provided the council with 2.4% was noted

Date of next meeting – 18th April 2018

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.48

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Committee Members:

(Chair) Cllr M Horwood, (Vice Chair) Cllr V Southern, Cllr L Ball, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr M Hogg, Cllr R Morris, Cllr T Searles