

# Swanley Town Council

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## POLICY AND FINANCE

### MINUTES

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present:** Chair Cllr M Horwood, Cllr V Southern, Cllr L Ball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr R Morris

**Also Present:** Cllr J Barnes, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr E Komolafe, Cllr N Scott, Cllr T Searles, Cllr Willingale

**Officers:** CEO - Steve Nash,  
RFO - Steve Innes,  
Park Director – Ryan Hayman  
Civic Manager – Toni Roast  
Sales Manager – Suzanne Barnbrook  
Democratic Services Officer - Barbara Playfoot

#### Public Participation

None

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

#### 10676 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**APPROVED**

#### 10677 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCES

- Cllr Southern commented that the Civic Centre balance sheet is showing a reduction in the expenditure by £39,000 without removing or reducing any existing services and income was up by £15,000 which gave a healthy picture and gave credit to the CEO, RFO and Civic manager on an excellent financial situation.
- Cllr Southern noted that the Alexandra Suite income was up by £43,000 and expenditure was down to £37,000 amounting to £80,000 surplus on the current year to date. He went on to congratulate the Venue Manager along with Cllr Horwood.
- Cllr Southern mentioned that back in September 2018 the Olympic was showing £27,000 deficit and felt that something drastic would need to be done to either pull it into profit or maybe close it as a venue. However, since that time the Olympic has shown a surplus each month. If, this trend continues the Olympic will be showing a healthy profit by the end of this financial year.

CEO said that the Venue manager and the Assistant Venue manager had a close working relationship and have started to turn things around. Cllr Willingale praised the efforts of the staff that have turned the future of the Olympic around.

Cllr Darrington noted that the snooker was showing profit, the CEO said that snooker was proving popular again and there are repairs planned for the tables

- Cllr Southern noted that Swanley Park's balance sheet was really quite brilliant and what an amazing situation to be in. extraordinary and there was every indication that it will improve over the next year. He went on to say that social media was positive and would like to congratulate Ryan Hayman the Park Director on his efforts.
- Cllr Southern commented that the other reports were showing positive and transparent information. He went on to thank the Park Director, the CEO and the RFO for the great results, he added that if the data/information is correct then the correct decisions can be made and advised the future council to monitor the figures so informed decisions can be made.
- Cllr Ball added that it has taken 8 years (since his first council meeting) to have clear and transparent financial information and would like to congratulate Cllr Southern for his time and dedication in aiding the unravelling of the Council accounts along with the CEO and RFO.

**RESOLVED: To accept reports A/B/C/D/E/F/G**

#### **10678 STAFF LOAN SCHEME**

To consider the draft proposal put forward by the CEO

Cllr Morris had a query regarding the motor insurance for staff to drive Council vehicles. The CEO assured him that all insurances were correct and valid.

He also hoped that the Chain saw did not go out on loan without a trained operator.

**RESOLVED – Proposed Staff Loan scheme approved**

**Cllr Horwood closed the meeting and thanked the CEO, RFO and all the Council Officers and staff for their support over the last 4 years**

**Date of next meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 20.16**

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](mailto:snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Committee Members:

(Chair) Cllr M Horwood, (Vice Chair) Cllr V Southern, Cllr L Ball, Cllr C Barnes, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr M Hogg, Cllr R Morris