

**Ilminster Town Council
Resources Committee Minutes**

A Meeting of the Resources Committee was held on Tuesday 7th April 2015 in the Council Chamber, The Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, Somerset, on the rising of the Planning, Highways & Transport Committee

Present:

Chair: Cllr S Storey,
Councillors: Cllr C Goodall, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr D Miller, Cllr R Neave,
Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr R Swann and Cllr E Taylor

In Attendance

Mrs M Shelley (Senior Administrator), Mrs D Speed (Administration Officer (Finance))

Members of the Public

5 members of the public attended the meeting, two of whom wished to speak as part of public participation.

Speaker 1 gave a short presentation to support his request for a grant, as he has been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in July 2015.

Speaker 2 spoke as a regular stallholder at the Thursday Market.

- He thanked the Council for taking over the running of the market from SSDC.
- He is happy to support initiatives for promoting the Market.
- He feels that the current fees are about right but consideration could be given to financial incentives for the winter months.
- Complaints to the Town Council about the Market should be discussed with the stallholders.

R77 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Lawson and Sothern

R78 Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made.

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Interest	Type of Interest	Action
Cllr Shearman	Pension Discretions	R84	Works for SCC	Personal	Abstained from voting
Cllr Shearman	Grant Request	R81	Daughter Scout Leader	Personal	Abstained from voting

R79. Minutes

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (ii) To note the action list relating to the Resources Committee.

NB: Mayor left the Meeting during discussion of item R80 to research an agenda

Chair's Initials

Issue returning within 5 minutes

R80. Market

The Committee considered a general report on the operation of the weekly Market
Items discussed during consideration of the item included:

- A Councillor had visited the market with the Clerk and the Senior Open Spaces Warden and was saddened by the abuse staff received from some of the traders.
- Traders were unhappy that the size of pitches were being measured without warning and would like more communication with the Town Council
- The traders were unhappy that cones are being removed before the market has finished.
- Traders were pleased to receive the letters and that the market is going to be promoted.

NB: Committee went out of session at 2015 hrs to enable public participation.

Councillors asked the members of the public for their comments about the visit to the market.

- Council representatives arriving with tape measures without prior warning was insensitive to them in front of customers.
- The manner of some of the traders is not always helpful.
- Communication between the Council and Market traders could be improved

As some councillors were not aware of the background to the visit to the market, the Chair explained that there had been comments and photos on Facebook showing that the car of a market trader had been reversed into the Market House.

NB: Committee went back into session at 2022 hrs

- Councillors are supportive of the market and the benefits it brings to the town.
- Some stallholders have been breaching the market rules by staying after 3 pm and the Clerk has spoken to the traders concerned.

R81. Grant Application

As the matter of the Grant Request from a young person, wishing to attend the World Scout Jamboree had not been included as a separate agenda item it was suggested that the matter could be dealt with by the Town Clerk under her urgency powers.

The Committee

Recommended to the Town Clerk that a cheque is raised for £250 and that is reported for ratification to the next Council meeting

R82. Cemetery Lodge

The Committee were asked to consider the maintenance works to the Cemetery Lodge suggested by Elder and Froy, the Letting Agents.

Items discussed during consideration of the item included:

- Tanking the walls was unlikely to be a long term solution.

RESOLVED that a professional assessment of the cause of the damp and the poor condition of the lintel above the cellar window be obtained.

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R83. St Johns Ambulance Donation

The Committee asked for a Grant Request form to be sent to St Johns Ambulance for completion before funding is considered.

R84. Pension Discretions

As reported to Committee on the meeting held on 10th February 2014, under revisions to the Local Government pension Scheme introduced during 2014 employers must prepare a written statement of its policy in relation to the exercise of its functions under certain regulations relating to individual discretions. The Committee were circulated with report and supporting documents, prior to the meeting and were asked to consider the adoption of a policy.

RESOLVED that

- (i) that Ilminster Town Council adopts a policy of taking all decisions on a case by case basis in relation to pension discretions as detailed in the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 (except Regulation 3) and the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (except Regulation 9) and LGPS (Transitional Provisions, Savings and Amendment) Regulations 2014 and
- (ii) on each occasion such a decision is required the Town Council will take into account all possible known risks and implications for the Town Council.
- (iii) With regard to Regulation 3 of Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 & Regulation 9 of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 “determining employee contribution rate” that the contribution rate band will be changed as appropriate whenever a pay change occurs.

R85. Staffing Update

The report on general staffing matters was noted.

The meeting closed at 20:45 hrs.

Chair's Initials & Date
