

Swanley Town Council

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POLICY AND FINANCE

MINUTES

Wednesday 19th June 2019

Present: Chair Cllr M Horwood, Cllr J Barnes, Cllr G Darrington, Cllr P Darrington, Cllr J Domigan, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr C Lee, Cllr V Letchford, Cllr A Skipper, Cllr J Tuckfield

Also Present: Cllr S Andrews, Cllr L Ball, Cllr L Dyball, Cllr M Foster, Cllr T Searles

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

Public Participation

None

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

10709 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019.

APPROVED

10710 TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY FINANCES

- Cllr G Darrington queried why the council had received rent for football pitches in April/May 2018 and not in the same time this year. The RFO explained that these were one off hirings and the regular users are invoiced in June/July of each year and they pay in instalments.
- Cllr Letchford asked why the rent was so low on the allotments rental. The CEO explained that the rent had to be kept low so that any resident of Swanley no matter what their means could afford to rent an allotment.
- Cllr G Darrington asked why the sponsor payments were down, the RFO explained that these were ongoing payments as each sponsor comes on board.
- Cllr Letchford asked why the market rent was down, the CEO explained that to date no markets had taken place. This was because previous markets had said they had not made enough profit to return.
- Cllr Domigan asked if there were any plans for the CIL, Cllr Horwood explained that the CIL monies have to be spent on infrastructure and could

possibly be match funded by Sevenoaks but no plans for the monies at the current time. He said this would come back to a future meeting.

- Cllr G Darrington asked why there was a deficit on the St Georges Day 2018, Cllr Horwood explained that his KCC funding was late being paid and would show in next month's figures.
- Cllr Horwood said that the Alexander Suite was doing well and there had been a new carpet laid which enhanced the entrance and bar area. This is part of a wider renovation work.
Cllr Dyball remarked that there had been a wedding held recently in the venue and the images of the decorations etc. are stunning and hopes that these can be shared to promote the venue further.
- The CEO reported that the Olympic will receive further sources of income over the next couple of months. One of the conference rooms is being converted into 2 offices for a Care company. Also the disused driving range has now been rented out for pasture for 3 horses.
- The Olympic is also receiving a massive redecoration along with securing an agreement to be the venue for the local Darts league for both Summer & Winter seasons.
- The Park is showing a small level of profit but it is hoped that this will increase over the summer months weather permitting. Cllr Ball added that it was not too long ago that the park was actually costing the town council money to run so this was a very good step forward.
- Cllr Darrington asked why the council was still paying rates on the Woodlands. The CEO replied that while waiting for the sale of the property the rates still need to be paid. He continued to say that there had been a Bat Survey and Environmental checks which shows signs that the planning process is progressing.
- The RFO reported that there were a few creditor stranglers but he had no real concerns.

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

Date of next meeting – 17th July 2019

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.02

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 Letchford, Cllr J Barnes,
Cllr P Darrington, Cllr J Domigan, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr A Skipper, Cllr J Tuckfield