

WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Portway,
Wantage, OX12 9BX.

WPF/ME

10 July 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

The next meeting of the Policy, Management and Finance Committee will be held in The Beacon, Portway on Monday, 15 July 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

W.P. Falkenau
Town Clerk/Treasurer

To: All Councillors.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

Apologies for absence.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2019.

17. Statements and questions from the public.
18. Briefings by applicants for donations
 - a) Wantage and Grove Cricket Club.
19. Discussion with representatives of Thames Valley Police.
20. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Update on Wantage Independent Advice Centre – transport scheme.
 - b) Update on Sweatbox visits.
 - c) Update on CCTV project.
 - d) Update on investigation of better interest rates on the Council's cash deposits.
 - e) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations review.
 - f) Update on the defacing of the head of King Alfred's statue

Policy

21. Minutes of the Youth Town Council meeting held on 8 July 2019 and matters arising from the previous committee meeting.
22. To consider proposal to write to the Leader of the District Council supporting plans for them to adopt powers as a Civil Parking Enforcement Authority. Further, to request that she investigate short term measures which could be pursued in the interim to alleviate the problem of illegal parking in our Town; including the funding of a PCSO whose duties would primarily be enforcement and to note that the Town Council would, in principle, be willing to contribute financially to such a scheme.
23. To consider proposition that this Council acknowledges that a 'Climate Emergency' exists that requires urgent action and will aim to ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030. We will

work with and support local organisations and partners through encouragement, sharing resources and grants whose aims are aligned with increasing sustainability and reducing the carbon footprint of local activities, amenities and businesses (see note below). To consider the appointment of a sub-committee to progress the policy.

24. To consider proposal that the words “No stalls promoting political parties or causes permitted on Town Council property.” be deleted from Sundry Policy 2 VC Forecourt and Market, and that this change to policy be reviewed after six months.
25. To consider request from the County Council that the Town Council bears the cost of the provision of bus stop flags for new bus stops in Mill Street and Denchworth Road (estimated cost £250).
26. To consider appointment of internal auditor for 2019/20.
27. To note process and arrangements for the recruitment of a Town Centre Manager.

Management and Finance

28. To consider Financial Statements to July 2019 and to review budget allocations and specific reserves.
29. Accounts for Payment.
30. General correspondence.

Confidential items

31. To consider donation requests
 - a) Wantage and Grove Cricket Club.

Note to the Public

There is an agenda item at the beginning of each meeting “Statements and questions from the public”. This is an opportunity for members of the public to personally raise with the Council points of issue or concern. Advance notice must be given. A guide on the rules and procedures relating to this is available from the Council Office or from the website www.wantagetowncouncil.gov.uk

Re item 23 above - The “Special Report on Global warming of 1.5 deg C” published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in October 2018 describes the enormous harm that a 2 deg C average rise in global temperatures is likely to cause compare with a 1.5 deg C rise. The IPCC suggest that it may be possible to limit global warming to 1.5 deg C with ambitious action from Governments, local authorities and private companies. Strong policies to cut emissions will also have associated health, well being and economic benefits.

A large number of UK authorities have already passed Climate Change motions and by declaring a “Climate Emergency” we are supporting people in the UK and the world who are already being effected by climate change.