

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 12th February 2018.

Present: Councillor H Nicholson in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, P Walton, A Farlow, D Childs, M P Johnson, L Cockfield, S Townsend, D Reynolds, D L Mather, S Quinn and P Quinn.

R 54/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D A Anderson, L Butterworth and L Deakin.

R 55/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

R 56/17 Budgetary Control Statement for January 2018

The Town Clerk advised that the budgetary control statement for the year to the end of January indicated a cumulative underspend of £47k of which £22k was represented by the Civic Hall.

The Town Clerk indicated that the final bill for the ordinary elections held in May had been received in the sum of £2.7k which represented a significant saving as a result of two of the wards being uncontested.

Overall there was no indication that the estimated underspend for the year would not be achieved.

Recommended that the report be received.

R 57/17 Grant Aid

No applications for grant aid had been received.

R 58/17 Accounts

Recommended that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of January 2018 in the sum of £76,703.83 be approved.

R 59/17 Shildon Town Bowling Club – Bowling Green Fees

The Town Clerk informed Members of a request from the Shildon Town Bowling Club seeking a reduction/waiver in bowling green fees for 2018.

Resolved that the Town Council waive the bowling green fee in full for the 2018 season only.

R 60/17 Tree Management

The Town Clerk informed Members that as part of the budget and precept setting report on 4th January 2018, one of the growth items considered was tree management. It was recommended and agreed that two members of the Direct Works section be trained to undertake tree works in the future thereby enabling all such works to be undertaken in-house.

Signed
Chairman.....

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report on changes to the training package which had been discussed with the employees and would now involve mobile elevated work platform training instead of aerial cutting of trees. Training would entail CS30 & CS31 chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting together with felling and processing trees, CS48 pole pruner, CS47 Safe use of chainsaw from a Mobile Elevated Work Platform and NPTC course in use of a chipper.

Resolved that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. two members of the Direct Works section undertake the revised training package to enable certain tree works to be carried out in-house.
- c. the undertaking on repayment of training costs by employees if leaving the employment of the Town Council within 3 years of successfully completing the training, reducing by a third for each of the 3 years, be applied.
- c. tree work which is incapable of being carried out by the Direct Works section be provided by an external contractor.

Signed
Chairman.....