

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting  
23 January 2020**

Present: Councillors Bugge, Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hirst, Holmes, Kenyon, Mitchell, Pringle, Wilson and the town clerk.

**1 member of the public was in attendance**

**348 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Womersley.

Resolved that the reason for absence be approved.

**349 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Kenyon declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 – Court of Appeal – Kenyon v Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

**350 MINUTES**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 be approved.

**351 GARDEN SCHEME**

Resolved that the criteria for the garden scheme remain the same.

**352 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING**

Resolved that the Yorkshire Ambulance Service be asked to provide free defibrillator training.

**353 EVENTS 2020-21**

Resolved that:

- The list of events remain the same with an additional event to celebrate VE Day.
- The quote from Phenomenal Fireworks for Bonfire Night be accepted.

**354 TRACTOR**

Resolved that the possible procurement of a tractor be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2020-21.

**355 COURT OF APPEAL – KENYON V SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HOUSING, COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

*Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr Kenyon chose to leave the chamber and thus took no part in the discussion or vote on this matter.*

The town clerk reported that the case is due to be heard by the Court of Appeal on 6 February 2020.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted.

*At this juncture Cllr Kenyon returned to the chamber.*

**356 DBS CHECKS**

Resolved that DBS checks are not conducted *en masse* for all staff and councillors and that they only be conducted when legally obliged to do so.

**357 HEMSWORTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020**

The event manager – Mr Gary Wood – was present to introduce himself to the committee and to answer any questions members may have.

Resolved that Mr Wood be thanked for his attendance.

**358 LAKESIDE CAFÉ BAR - FUNCTIONS**

Resolved that:

- All bookings for functions be accepted unless there are significant reasons to decline.
- The charge for the wedding package for more than 50 persons be charged *pro rata*.

**359 JOINT WORKING WITH WAKEFIELD COUNCIL**

Resolved that joint working with Wakefield Council continue at Hemsworth Cemetery but any other possible endeavours to be referred to council on a case by case basis.

**360 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

**361 SECURITY**

Resolved that quotes be obtained for further CCTV and gates at the park.

**362 ICE CREAM CONCESSION – HEMSWORTH WATER PARK**

Resolved that the request regarding the ice cream concession be approved but with reviews included.

**363 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX**

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

The meeting closed at 21:05.