

A meeting of the Resources Committee was held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster on the rising of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee at 8.20pm

Present

Chair: Cllr P Burton,

Councillors: Cllr J Fagan, Cllr J Fowler, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr I Mackillop, Cllr A Shearman and Cllr R Swann

In attendance Miss J Norris (Town Clerk) and Mrs D Speed (Deputy Clerk)

One member of the public was present at the meeting.

R.172 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dewick, James, Keitch, Shepherd and Walker

Out of session 8.23pm

Speaker 1

Yeovil College provides teaching of broadcasting and media and from that it is proposed to run a Community radio for South Somerset District area. The community radio would be a way of connecting all the parishes in the South Somerset District.

Costs to set up the station include erecting a mast and fitting out premises.

The frequency for radio Ninesprings will be 104.5 and a good signal will be received in Ilminster. It is due to commence transmitting on 1st August 2018.

Support of Town and Parish Councils is vital so SSDC can see support for the station.

Young people including those living in Ilminster would be given the opportunity to work and train in broadcasting.

Future running costs to be funded by Yeovil College, SSDC and advertising.

Local items which could be covered by the station could include Ilminster Literacy Festival and the Housing Needs Assessment Survey.

Back in session 8.27pm

R.173 Declarations of Interest

Councillors made no Declarations of Interest.

R.174 Minutes

RESOLVED

- (i) That the minutes of the Resources Committee Meeting held on 13th February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.
- (ii) Items to note on the action list relating to the Resources Committee:
 2. Trying to obtain a date from the Contract Administrator for the snagging meeting for Cemetery Lodge
 3. To develop an Alcohol and Drug Policy and a Stress Policy.

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R175 Grant Applications

The current budget does not include a grant pot so the following grant applications were taken under general consideration.

- a) Radio Ninesprings request for funding for a community radio for Yeovil and the surrounding parishes of South Somerset

RESOLVED

Not to offer any monetary support as not an Iminster project but can see benefits it would bring and support its foundation.

Suggest the Iminster Education Foundation should be approached for funding

- b) Life Education Wessex request for funding towards their work providing health and drug prevention education to Greenfylde school in January 2019

RESOLVED

Not to offer any monetary support. Suggest they approach the Iminster Rotary or Lions Club for funding

R176 Financial Monitoring.

The Council received information about the Resources Committee, income, expenditure and commitments compared with the 2017/18. Issues raised:

- The overall total was less than 5% of budget

R177 Acting Senior Open Spaces Warden

The Councillors consider making a payment to the Open Spaces warden in respect of the time he stepped up and covered the majority of the duties of the Senior Open Spaces Warden

RESOLVED

To pay the Open Spaces warden £1000 in recompense for stepping up and to thank him for the professional way he had acted

R178 Staffing Update

The Town Clerk gave an oral report on general staffing matters:

- New Open Spaces Senior Warden commenced 9th April and is settling in. He will require protective equipment and training. He is keen to make the Recreation Ground a Green Flag playing field.
- Open Spaces Warden has passed his driving test
- All 3 wardens require to undertake a tractor driving course.
- Staff appraisals have started
- Looking ahead staffing will be required for the Neighbourhood plan, the Open Spaces team for the Summer and an apprentice to commence September 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm