

6 To Review Town Council Standing Orders [b/f AM 20.5.15] [Circ]

Town Council considered its Standing Orders which the Clerk clarified were based on the One Voice Wales Model Standing Orders and adopted by Town Council in May 2014. The Clerk advised Town Council is required to review its Standing Orders at its Annual Meeting.

A Member referred to Item 4 – Committees and Sub-Committees and requested if the Terms of Reference for its committees was appropriate for their function. A discussion ensued and reference was made to committees having the power to act on Town Council's strategic plan without having to go back to Town Council for approval.

It was stated that it was for Town Council to decide if its Terms of Reference are appropriate to its committees.

It was resolved that Town Council Committees look at their own Terms of Reference to see if appropriate for their function in order to report to Town Council to consider any changes at a later date.

7 To Review Town Council Financial Regulations [b/f AM 20.5.15] [Circ]

a) To Consider One Voice Wales – Repeal of s.150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 – Implementation and One Voice Wales – Model Financial Regulations

b) *To Consider interim internal audit report Feb 15 – “The Council should undertake a review of and adopt appropriate Financial Regulations reflecting any changes in working practice following repeal of Section 150(5) of the LG Act 1972” [NB: AM 20.5.15 – TC amended cheque signatories – DE, GO, PS, JW + Clerk]*

The Clerk clarified the above repeal of s.150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to the two signature rule. Reference was made to the change in signatories at the Annual Meeting and Members did not wish to see their current method of cheque payments being changed.

Town Council considered the Draft One Voice Wales Financial Regulations and requested clarification from the Clerk in relation to its current Financial Regulations. The Clerk advised that the One Voice Wales Financial Regulations were robust and incorporated the changes to the Audit & Accounts Regulations.

It was resolved to adopt the One Voice Wales Financial Regulations on the understanding that the Regulations may require amending to better suit Town Council requirements

8 To Consider TC representation on Town Team Task & Finish Group

Town Council resolved to nominate Cllr J Williams to Town Team Task & Finish Group

9 To Note invitation to Mon CC Workshop – Reviewing Community Governance in Severnside Stakeholder Open Session – 5.30pm – 8.30pm, Thursday 11th June at Town Council Building [Circ]

Town Council noted the invitation to Mon CC Workshop 11.6.15.

10 To Consider Update on TC Compound following Working Group Meeting 8.6.15 -Notes to Follow

The notes of Compound Working Group, circulated at the meeting were approved.

Cllr M Stevens, chairperson of the group outlined the meeting as per the notes circulated.

It was resolved to accept the recommendations of Compound Working Group 8.6.15.

11 RESOLVED - Exclusion of Press and Public – By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following item on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

a) To Consider Surveyor’s Report [Circ]

Town Council resolved to accept the Surveyor’s Report and forward to Mon CC.

b) To Consider Tenders for Public Conveniences

Town Council were updated in relation to tenders received for the public conveniences.

It was resolved that the Clerk & Mayor meet with PM in this matter

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor