

TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Town Hall Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Monday the 4th February 2019.

PRESENT:

Councillors: M.W. Moore, (in the chair)
Ms M. Buckley, , D.L. C cox JP,
Mrs. J. Cunningham
P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies,
J. Johnson, M/s R. Johnson
Mrs E. Jones. S.K. License,
Miss S.M. Moore. Mrs. M. Perfect
Mrs. V. Perfect ,I.B.Roberts

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: M. Evans, the Reverend B. Harvey,
Mrs. L.B Jones, J.P,

IN ATTENDANCE:

J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

124.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

125.

MINUTES.

RESOLVED.

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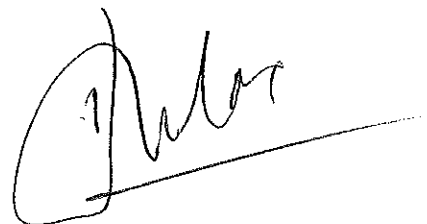
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RESOLVED:-

That the urgency of the matters reported by the Town Mayor be acknowledged and the detailed reports be received and accepted and that in relation to the Centenary field the success be noted and that the donated bench be sited there in due course and that the Lions be invited to the appropriate ceremony. In relation to the 22nd February event the Town Council do endorse the value of the event and commit the sum of £500.00 thereto.



TOWN PLANING COMMITTEE

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Location: 11 Church Street, Flint.
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That there be no objection to either of these applications.

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THE FOLLOWING NAMES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED FOR PROPOSED NEW STREETS;

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There was some discussion about the origin of the names proposed and a member advised that they were all Welsh Saints following further discussion it was :-

RESOLVED:

That the proposed names be approved.

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RESOLVED:

That the position be noted

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the General Purposes Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Monday the 4th February 2019.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mrs. M Perfect (in the chair)
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INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR FLINT CASTLE AND THE FORESHORE.

The Town updated members upon the progress of the proposed development of a visitor centre and facilities for the football and rugby clubs together with a new lifeboat station he said that it was likely that there would be an outline planning application in next few months .He also outlined the progress towards the Public Arts projects for the foreshore and the Town and advised members that a public display of the competing proposals would be taking place in the library prior to any decision about the final award to encourage public feedback and participation .The leader of the Council referred to the detail of this exciting project and lamented the origins in the badly handled Iron Ring concept however he was happy that work was proceeding on the right basis and that the future looked promising , he suggested that presentation be made to all members at future meeting.

Councillor V Perfect endorsed all the leader had said and welcomed the renewed focus on the Castle and the Coastal path and it was:-

RESOLVED.

That the reports be received and welcomed and that the Town Clerk do invite representatives of Cadw to attend future meeting of this committee to make a presentation.

136.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE CURRENT REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE

The chair raised the issue of the condition of Cornist Hall and said that it was a shame that this iconic building appeared to be in a parlous state. A number of other members expressed similar views and it was felt that representations should be made to the County Council to see whether anything could be done. A member believed that she could obtain the address of the current owner to enable enquiries to be made of him. In similar vein Councillor R Johnson raised the issue of the former Oakenholt Church.

RESOLVED.

That the town Clerk make enquiries of the County Council and if possible the owners of both buildings and report back to a future meeting.

FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Monday the 4th February 2019.

PRESENT

Councillors: D L Cox JP in the chair
Ms M. Buckley, Mrs. J. Cunningham
P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies,
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139.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

To consider the Schedule of Accounts presented:-

RESOLVED.

That the schedule of accounts in the sum of £17,126.81
be approved for payment.

140.

REPORT ON THE FUTURE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

Councillor S. K. License outlined for members the consideration given to the report of the Independent Review Panel commissioned by the Welsh assembly Government which was summarised in the papers before members He confirmed that the conclusions recognised the value of Town and Community Councils but appeared to place considerable demands on them going forward and to present some very real challenges. Discussions at the North and Mid Wales association of Town and Community Councils had presented a disturbing picture and whilst this was only a report at this stage he felt that it was right that the Town Council should be aware of the possible thrust of events. The Town Clerk outlined the recent history of reviews from the Williams report in 2013 to this latest review and noted that the Welsh Government had taken no action in response to the report, there was in fact no mention of it on their website. This may be because of the complex inter relationship between the two tiers of local government and between them both and the Welsh Government. It was perhaps an issue that was best addressed in the round as almost all of the proposals from the review required either new legislation or the repeal of existing legislation .There then ensued a detailed discussion on the various roles of town Councils and the potential for further responsibilities being taken on. The financial and resource implications were considerable and provision would have to be made from the Welsh Government to address this .It appeared that this was something that needed to be watched but was unlikely to be progressed in the near future it was ;-

RESOLVED.

That the report be received and noted and that the situation be kept under review.

141.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE.

There being no such matters to report it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the position be noted

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

FEBRUARY 2019

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Before the meeting opened Councillor Paul Cunningham led those present in prayer.

FLINT TOWN COUNCIL

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Flint Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 28th January 2019.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.

Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, Mrs. J. Cunningham,
P. Cunningham, M. Evans, M/s R. Johnson,
J. Johnson, Mrs. L.B. Jones, J.P, S.K. License,
M.W. Moore, Miss. S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect,
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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Reverend B. Harvey,

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Town Clerk.

116.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

117.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Flint Town Council Meeting held on Monday the Friday 18th December, 2018, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.

118.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

The Minutes of the following committees were submitted for approval and adoption.

1 Town Hall Management Committee

Meeting held on Monday the 14th January 2019.

2. Town Planning Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 14th January 2019.

3. General Purposes Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 14th January 2019.

4. Finance and Policy Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 14th January 2019.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of each of the above Committees, held on the 14th January 2019 be approved and adopted.

119.

**TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM OFFICERS OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT AS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS.**

The Town Mayor welcomed Ms Mandy Lewis and Mr Karl Slater of Flintshire County Council to the meeting and explained that the Town Council had invited them to the meeting to address the Council's minuted concerns about the practice of developers applying for and obtaining permission for a development of a certain number of houses of particular descriptions only to subsequently seek to vary either or both of the numbers and descriptions which appeared to the Town Council to undermine the basis of the original grant. The Town Council was anxious to hear the officers' views of this position. M/s Lewis confirmed that she was the Development Manager for the County Council and as such she was responsible for managing the processing of all planning applications in Flintshire and that her colleague Karl Slater had particular experience of the developments past and present in the Flint area. M/s Lewis then outlined the legislative background and the constraints within which the County council had to work when processing a developers application. In short the legal position was that developers had a right to apply to vary the details of a grant of planning permission and the County Council were unable to refuse to accept the application which then had to be dealt with strictly in accordance with planning law and practice. The reasons normally given for changes in numbers or housing types were that the whole process of identifying and planning for any development was a long term one and that developers necessarily took a long term view of what they thought the housing market was likely to be like a number of years into the future when designing the development and going through the planning process. By the time that the development was underway the developers often found that market forces meant that the demand for housing of different types had gone up or down leading to applications to vary the details of the grant to increase the saleability of the houses then being constructed. It was in fact a national feature that austerity had seen the demand for larger executive style housing fall away and a commensurate increase in demand for smaller more economic and manageable

properties . Mr Slater confirmed that this was indeed the main driver in the applications that were being made in relation to the Croes Atti development. In response to a number of questions both officers confirmed that the lead time on developments was such that it really was the case that even after almost 10 years of austerity the changes were still being driven by market forces and similarly that explained why developers who were only now submitting plans such as the Northop road proposals may be taking their own longer view rather than the already established developments .Councillor r. Johnson raised the issues of the conditions on the Croes Atti development around the medical centre and shops and sought confirmation that these would be enforced and also queried why residents were paying a green tax on open spaces to the developer . Responding Mr Slater confirmed that events at Betsi Cadwalladr with the new health centre had overtaken that particular condition but that similar but that shops were in prospect .On the issue of the green tax m/s Lewis advised that this was because the open space had not been adopted by the Council and indeed had not been requested to do so. The council therefore had no control over this and owners should have been made aware of these charges during the purchasing process. It was suggested that there should be a limit of say 10% for changes to permissions but M/s Lewis said this would require legislation In summary M/s Lewis emphasised the quasi-judicial nature of the planning process which circumscribed the ways in which the County council could act and that in addition the County Council had always to be aware of the right of appeal to the Welsh Government which could carry a penalty in costs. The Mayor thanked the officers for their attendance and their most informative presentation and answers to the questions posed by members. When the officers left members considered a number of possible courses of action and after some further discussion it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received and noted and that the officers be thanked for their attendance and that as a result there of the Town clerk to write to the towns Assembly member and the Welsh Government minister to seek changes in the law to protect areas from this creeping change to planning permissions after initial grant whether by way of limit or by other means and that the Council do consider further actions in the light of the responses received .

120.

TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND SET THE PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020.

The Town Clerk reminded members of the detailed consideration of the Council's budget requirements for the next financial year at the Committee meetings on the 14th January. In accordance with the resolution of the Finance and Policy committee he had prepared and circulated to members 4 worked examples of precept estimates which ranged from an increase of 3.44% by stages to an increase of 5.14%.He had started at 3.44% as that represented in his view the absolute minimum increase needed to enable the Council to meet its known and planned commitments .Each of the next 3

examples showed progressive room for the Council to meet its aspirations and to even begin to provide room to build up reserves. He reminded members that the Town Council had never had reserves as such and had survived from year to year on operating balances which whilst an interesting approach was one which carried significant challenges . From a Clerks point of view the 5.14% figure was the realistic maximum that he could expect from the Council and he acknowledged that in actual sums achieved the impact of an increase of over 5% may not be judged worth the negative impact that could be generated . Members were fully aware of the pressures facing the council and had before them the range of options to consider and given that the formula for the calculation was before them could indeed propose other examples . A number of members spoke against the idea of 5.14% and all acknowledged the pressures facing the Town Council and after general discussion there was a consensus in favour of the second example in the range prepared by the Town Clerk that of 4.33% and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council budget be approved and the precept for
The financial year 2019/20 be set in the sum of £ 222,750.00
which is an increase of 4.33% on a band D charge and that the
Town Mayor and Town Clerk do notify the County Council accordingly

122.

TO DETERMINE THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION OF WALES UPON THE REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLINTSHIRE.

The Town Clerk reminded members of their previous considerations of this matter and advised that if any response was to be submitted by the Town Council then it would have to be authorised by this meeting . He confirmed that the review primarily concerned the County divisions but that there would inevitably be consequences down the line for the Town Council flowing from any changes that were made .He also confirmed that the Town Council did not have to make any response and that there would be a further consultation upon any draft proposals that the commission made in the future and the Town Council could if it chose keep it's powder dry and await that consultation to determine whether or not there was a need to make any response as it could be that the draft proposals were acceptable to the Town Council .That would however run the risk that it might in practice be too late to influence thinking and therefore change any part of the draft proposals that the town Council were unhappy with .It was the Town Clerk's advice that a response which noted the large number of extant permissions for development in Flint and the similarly large number of pending applications meant that there was a certainty of significant increase in population over the immediate future and very real probability of an even more significant increase over five year period relevant to the commission's deliberations .Any response could the argue for the status quo to be preserved at County Level as there was already an established community of interests and geographical identity which were

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RESOLVED.

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

135.

INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR FLINT CASTLE AND THE FORESHORE.

The Town updated members upon the progress of the proposed development of a visitor centre and facilities for the football and rugby clubs together with a new lifeboat station he said that it was likely that there would be an outline planning application in next few months .He also outlined the progress towards the Public Arts projects for the foreshore and the Town and advised members that a public display of the competing proposals would be taking place in the library prior to any decision about the final award to encourage public feedback and participation .The leader of the Council referred to the detail of this exciting project and lamented the origins in the badly handled Iron Ring concept however he was happy that work was proceeding on the right basis and that the future looked promising , he suggested that presentation be made to all members at future meeting.

Councillor V Perfect endorsed all the leader had said and welcomed the renewed focus on the Castle and the Coastal path and it was:-

RESOLVED.

That the reports be received and welcomed and that the Town Clerk do invite representatives of Cadw to attend future meeting of this committee to make a presentation.

136.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE CURRENT REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE

The chair raised the issue of the condition of Cornist Hall and said that it was a shame that this iconic building appeared to be in a parlous state. A number of other members expressed similar views and it was felt that representations should be made to the County Council to see whether anything could be done. A member believed that she could obtain the address of the current owner to enable enquires to be made of him. In similar vein Councillor R Johnson raised the issue of the former Oakenholt Church.

RESOLVED.

That the town Clerk make enquiries of the County Council and if possible the owners of both buildings and report back to a future meeting.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

FEBRUARY 2019

<u>Ch.No.</u>	<u>V.No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Amount</u>
106366	229	Cash	D.N. Davies Repairs to Van	110.00
106367	230	Cash	Salaries	519.92
106368	231	January	Salary	1600.28
106369	232	Lite	Erect & Dismantle Christmas Lights	12660.00
106370	233	Flintshire County Council	Chairman's Charity Dinner M/A	70.00
106371	234	Connah's Quay T.C.	Chairman's Civic Ball M/A	40.00
106372	235	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	<u>2126.51</u>
				<u>17,126.71</u>

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FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint on Monday the 4th February 2019.

PRESENT

Councillors: D L Cox JP in the chair
Ms M. Buckley, Mrs. J. Cunningham
P. Cunningham, Mrs. N. Davies,
J. Johnson, M/s R. Johnson
Mrs E. Jones. S.K. License,
Miss S.M. Moore. M.W. Moore,
Mrs. M. Perfect Mrs. V. Perfect
I.B. Roberts

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: M. Evans, the Reverend B. Harvey,
Mrs. L.B Jones, J.P,

IN ATTENDANCE:

J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Clerk.

137.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

138.

MINUTES.

RESOLVED.

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th January
2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman

139.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

To consider the Schedule of Accounts presented:-

RESOLVED.

That the schedule of accounts in the sum of £17,126.81
be approved for payment.

140.

REPORT ON THE FUTURE FOR TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS.

Councillor S. K. License outlined for members the consideration given to the report of the Independent Review Panel commissioned by the Welsh assembly Government which was summarised in the papers before members He confirmed that the conclusions recognised the value of Town and Community Councils but appeared to place considerable demands on them going forward and to present some very real challenges. Discussions at the North and Mid Males association of Town and Community Councils had presented a disturbing picture and whilst this was only a report at this stage he felt that it was right that the Town Council should be aware of the possible thrust of events. The Town Clerk outlined the recent history of reviews from the Williams report in 2013 to this latest review and noted that the Welsh Government had taken no action in response to the report, there was in fact no mention of it on their website. This may be because of the complex inter relationship between the two tiers of local government and between them both and the Welsh Government. It was perhaps an issue that was best addressed in the round as almost all of the proposals from the review required either new legislation or the repeal of existing legislation .There then ensued a detailed discussion ion the various roles of town Councils and the potential for further responsibilities being taken on. The financial and resource implications were considerable and provision would have to be made from the Welsh Government to address this .It appeared that this was something that needed to be watched but was unlikely to be progressed in the near future it was ;-

RESOLVED.

That the report be received and noted and that the situation be kept under review.

141.

MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE REMIT OF THE COMMITTEE.

There being no such matters to report it was:-

RESOLVED:

That the position be noted

Before the meeting opened the Mayor's Chaplain, Councillor the Reverend Brian Harvey, led those present in prayer:

FLINT TOWN COUNCIL

The Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Flint Town Council, held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Flint, on Monday the 18th February 2019.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P. (In the Chair).
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs. N. Davies.

Councillors: M/s M. Buckley, M. Evans, Reverend B. Harvey,
J. Johnson, Mrs. E. Jones, S.K. License, M.W. Moore,
M/s S. Moore, Mrs. M. Perfect, Mrs. V. Perfect.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors: Mrs. J. Cunningham, P. Cunningham,
Mrs L.B. Jones JP, M/s R. Johnson, I.B. Roberts.

IN ATTENDANCE: J.A. Loveridge, Town Clerk.
Mrs. S.C. Williams, P.A. to the Town Clerk.

142.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT:

There were no declarations of interest.

143.

MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Flint Town Council Meeting, held on Monday the 28th January, 2019, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor D.L. Cox, J.P.

144.

TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM M/S SADIE WATERHOUSE OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR P.V. FARM BEHIND CASTLE PARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE/FORMER RECYCLING CENTRE:

The Town Mayor welcomed Ms Sadie Waterhouse an energy conservation engineer with Flintshire County Council to the meeting and invited her to give a presentation to the council.
The presentation is as set out in full below given under the title of **Flint Landfill Solar PV Scheme**: -

“Flintshire County Council’s Renewable Energy Action Plan aims to assess and develop large scale renewable energy systems on Council owned land and assets to ensure that the holistic benefits of renewable and low carbon energy generation are maximised by the Council. The Council currently own and operate 2 smaller solar farms on former landfill sites in Buckley. A further review of Council owned land assets indicated the potential to develop large scale solar PV installations on a number of brownfield sites including Flint Landfill. It is proposed to install 2 MW of ground mounted solar PV. This will generate around 1.8 million kWh of electricity per year which is enough to power around 700 homes. Renewable energy is also a core component of achieving the Council Plan’s core ‘Green Council’ priority and carbon reduction targets.

Generation of renewable energy in Wales is supported and encouraged through Welsh Government legislation as follows:

- Environment (Wales) Act (2016)
- Welsh Government Cabinet Secretary Targets for Renewable Energy including 70 per cent of its electricity consumption from renewable energy by 2030, 1 Gigawatt of renewable electricity capacity to be locally owned by 2030 and by 2020 new renewable energy projects to have an element of local ownership.
- The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015)
- Decarbonisation of the public sector by 2030

The development consists of the construction of a 2 MW solar farm and associated infrastructure including inverter/transformer units, access tracks, onsite cabling, fencing and CCTV and a substation. The solar panels will be surface mounted (ballasted) to minimise ground disturbance. The transformer and substation will be located in the former recycling centre on Castle Park Industrial Estate. Each area of panels will be individually fenced with inward facing CCTV to retain public access to the site. The asset lifetime is expected to be 35-40 years with periodic replacement of equipment. The electricity generated from the solar panels will be sold to the national grid which will provide a long term income stream to the Council.

There will be a 28 day statutory pre-application consultation before the planning application is formally submitted. Site notices will be displayed close to the application site and will introduce the proposal, identify where copies of the draft submission documents will be available to view during the 28 day consultation period, and where people can send responses. A notice will also be sent to the Town Council, County Councillors and special consultees such as NRW. A public exhibition will be held during the consultation period which will provide information on the project, relevant planning documents and an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments. A site visit will also be arranged for County and Town Councillors. All comments collected during the pre-application consultation including how they have been addressed will be detailed in the pre application consultation report which will be submitted as part of the planning application. “

Following this presentation Ms Waterhouse took a number of questions from members about the detail of the proposals and elaborated upon the potential of the development. In

view of the interest shown by members Ms Waterhouse offered to arrange a site visit for all members to have the opportunity of seeing the exact location proposed and it was :-

RESOLVED:

That Ms Waterhouse be thanked for her attendance and the informative presentation that she made and that the Town clerk do liaise with her and with members to agree a suitable date and time for a site visit

145.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEES: MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:

The Minutes of the following committees were submitted for approval and adoption.

1. Town Hall Management Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th February, 2019.

2. Town Planning Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th February, 2019.

3. General Purposes Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th February, 2019.

4. Finance and Policy Committee:

Meeting held on Monday the 4th February, 2019.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of each of the above Committees, held on the 4th February 2019 be approved and adopted.