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MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28th JANUARY 2021

Voting members present: Cllrs: P Tilzey (Chairman), S Browning, L Deely, T Gibbs, P Kelly, P LaBroy
L Moores, P Moores, F Partridge, H Partridge, N Tucker

Non-voting members: T O’Sullivan, B Willingham, R Uhlig

Officers present: Mr K Cornwell – Town Clerk and RFO (TC)

Mr S Hayes – Facilities Manager (FM)

Mrs T Gliddon – Committee Administrator (CA)

Meeting Start time: 6.00pm

OS/01/21 To receive and accept apologies for absence

None received.

OS/02/21 To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interest-

None received.

OS/03/21 Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations

None received.

OS/04/21 Minutes: To receive, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Operational Services Committee Meeting held on 17th December 2020

Resolved: that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

OS/05/21 Public participation – a maximum of 15 minutes for public present to make comments concerning the business of the committee (maximum of 2 minutes per person - dependent on numbers present; questions must be directed through the Chairman)

None present.

OS/06/21 To receive a report from the Facilities Manager

Discussion and questions took place regarding public toilets and repairs, play parks, flower displays, hot composting and Stamford Hill woods. The report was noted.

OS/07/21 To agree revisions to the replacement programme to extend the cycle of vehicle replacement and change non everyday use petrol equipment (Hedge trimmers/Chainsaws) to electric variants

The TC informed the Committee that this item would be taken in two parts.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the options put forward by the FM for Vehicle replacement (7a). The Committee discussed both the financial and environmental implications arising from the options. Option 1 to continue with the current schedule of swapping out the vehicles every 3years for new, with the offset trade in or Option 2, to cease with the purchase of new vehicles putting monies that would be used into reserves for the purchase of electric 4x4’s when the appropriate ones come to market.

Resolved: that BSTC continue with the swap out schedule for one of the D-Max vehicles (Option 1) and keep one of the D-Max vehicles in the fleet at the end of the 3 years (Option 2).

The FM talked the Committee through his report and the options set out for the replacement of equipment (7b). The FM also reported that he was looking into the PV capability at the unit and the acquisition of storage batteries for the use with any new equipment. The Committee discussed the financial, environmental and staff health & safety issues involved in keeping the petrol run equipment. It was noted that the market is rapidly evolving and longer battery life is expected in the very near future.

Resolved: that BSTC keep the existing equipment until end of life and then look to replace with electric powered equipment.

OS/08/21

To receive the budget report for Quarter 3 of 2020/21

The TC gave a precis of the report. The report was noted.

Meeting closed 7.04pm

Chairman's Signature.....Date.....