

POLICY & RESOURCE COMMITTEE

At 7pm on Wednesday 24th February 2016 a meeting of the Policy & Resources committee met in the Town Meeting Room, The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington was held.

In attendance: Cllr Sykes, (chairman) Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Marron, Cllr Shepherd & Cllr Sinton.

1. Notice of meeting was accepted
2. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ratcliffe (holiday) & Cllr Perry (another meeting)
3. There were no declarations of Interest made by any of the councillors
4. Cllr Sykes proposed closing the meeting to allow the public to address the council, 2nd Cllr Cooper and agreed. Phil Gilbank from the Pocklington and district History Group spoke about the recent finds of iron-age artefacts around Pocklington and asked the council to support their quest for a display provision somewhere in the town. He did not advocate a full blown museum but thought the articles found were of such international significance they should remain locally. Phil Gilbank was thanked for his presentation and the council said they would support such a quest for a suitable place to display the items. They await further details of the dimensions of the items to be stored.
5. Cllr Sykes proposed re-opening the meeting. 2nd Cllr Jones and agreed.
6. Receive an update on the building works at Pocklington Arts Centre. The clerk gave an update on the works which were progressing well. There may be a week's delay due to the late fitting of the bar area but the project is within budget. The Arts Council have now been billed for all the grant monies offered.
7. Consider the arrangements for and costs of outside contractors parking who are working on the Arts Centre refurbishment. Cllr Sykes reported making arrangements to meet with Mr Bryant from the Rugby Club on the following Friday to discuss further details.
8. Consider a change to Standing Orders to have meetings every fortnight where matters which are current are discussed. This was deferred to the next full council meeting and will be presented by Cllr Marron.
9. Discuss the arrangements for the fracking information evening to be held on 2nd March 2016. After a discussion it was agreed to postpone the meeting because it was proving difficult to get an impartial person to brief us on the subject.
10. Receive an update on the events planned for 2016. Cllr Sykes spoke about a celebration for The Queen's 90th birthday to be held at Burnby Hall Gardens on 11th June. Cllrs Marron, Hutchinson, & Shepherd said they would act as

marshalls. The local WI is organising a 'clean for the Queen' event in Pocklington on Saturday 5th March between 10am and 12noon. All councillors are invited to attend.

11. Receive a report on the current financial position and likely out-turn. The clerk reported £64,906 currently in the council accounts with £49,665 in the Arts Centre accounts. A PWLB fixed interest loan over 15years has been secured at 2.17% interest for which the repayments are £9,400pa.

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Councillor Martin Ratcliffe
(Mayor of Pocklington)