

Marchwood Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the
Policy & Resources Committee
held at Marchwood Village Hall
on Monday 24th February 2014 at 8.30pm.

Members: *Mr D Hindle (Chairman) – in the Chair

°Mrs A Hoare *Mr K Petty
*Mr R Rowlands *Mr M Saxby
*Mr F White

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs M Wathen - Clerk to the Council
Mrs C Cockeram - Deputy Clerk to the Council

Apologies:

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hoare.

Public Participation

2. There was no public participation.

Declarations of Interest

3. No declarations of interest were made.

Chairman's Report

4. The Chairman reported on actions taken since the last meeting. The budget and precept were taken to full council in December for approval. The setting of EMR budget caps will be decided tonight and the transfer between the EMR's will happen at the year end.

Minutes

5. **RESOLVED:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2013.

To approve the writing off of outstanding invoices

6. **RESOLVED:** To approve the writing off of the following invoices 2116, 2117 and 2122. Invoice 2098 to have a credit note attached to it as a replacement invoice has been issued. Invoices 2140 and 2143 to be taken to a Trustee meeting.

Ear Marked Reserves (EMR's)

7. **RESOLVED:** To approve all of the proposed caps on the EMR accounts as detailed in Report B.
8. To change the title of budget 1196 Interest received to Staffing reserve 2014/15. This is to be reviewed in 12 months.

To review the agenda and minute approval process

9. **RESOLVED:** To continue with the process.

To write to the Falkland Island Government regarding the SMC

10. **RESOLVED:** To send a letter to the Falkland Island Government, attached at appendix A. To copy the letter to The Rt, Hon. Philip Dunne MP, Julian Lewis MP and George Kershaw at the SMC.

Allowances to Members of Parish and Town Councils

11. The report from New Forest District Council was noted and the notice publicising the receipt of this report and the level of travel allowances will be published on the notice boards and website.

Finance

12. **RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts for August to December 2013.
Receipts total: £165,496.02
Payments total: £87,489.65

To appoint a Summer Groundsman for 20 hours for 20 weeks

13. **RESOLVED:** To approve the appointment of a Summer Groundsman for 20 hours for 20 weeks commencing early May.

Exclusion of Press and Public

14. **RESOLVED:** That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded.

Temporary Groundsman

15. **RESOLVED:** To appoint a temporary Groundsman on a two week trial and then a two weekly contract if successful. Contact the gentleman that had already contacted the office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10

_____Chairman

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26th February 2014

Dear Sir / Madam

Proposed lease of Marchwood Sea Mounting Centre

We are writing to you to ensure that you are aware of the British Government's proposal to lease the Marchwood Sea Mounting Centre to a commercial organisation who would operate the facility on their behalf.

Currently the Sea Mounting Centre offers any spare capacity on Military Ships travelling between our village and the Falkland Islands for the use of your residents. At a recent meeting between Ministry of Defence representatives and members of Marchwood Parish Council the MOD staff said "that they were unsure how any changes would impact on the Falkland Islanders".

We are concerned that decisions being made in Whitehall could affect the level of service you currently receive or the price you pay. A further concern that is currently the service to the Falklands has been fully security checked and passed, this may not be the case if undertaken by a commercial company.

If you share our concerns I would suggest that you contact the following Minister in the near future as the decision is to be made within the next couple of months.

The Rt, Hon Philip Dunne MP
Ministry of Defence
Floor 5, Zone B,
Main Building
Whitehall,
London
SW1A 2HB

If we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Marchwood Parish Council