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To All Members of the Policy and Resources Committee

Agenda for the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to be held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 via a Zoom meeting link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86449894866> commencing at 7.30pm.

Agenda

1. **Declarations of Interest**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 October 2020**
4. **Accounts for Payment**

The Payment Schedule attached for approval by the Committee

5. **Law and Order - CCTV in High Street, Aylesford**

It has previously been reported that two quotes had been obtained for the provision of CCTV in the High Street, Aylesford. These quotes varied from approximately £9300 to £10700 and included for the provision of a new laptop and an estimate of the cost of installation. It was agreed at that time that consideration of the installation of a CCTV camera in the High Street, Aylesford be deferred until all the local members were present at the meeting. At the last meeting the Clerk indicated that he was now looking at other options relating to CCTV which could reduce the cost. A third Company was offering a new cheaper option and to demonstrate it by obtaining a demo camera which they would be placing at their office but it would be possible to access it to see the quality of the picture. The camera is not yet in place but once it has been positioned and its quality ascertained the Clerk would report back to the Committee.

6. **KALC**

The 2020 KALC AGM will be held on 28 November using Zoom. The Council can send 2 representatives to this meeting.

7. TMBC/ Parish Partnership Panel Meeting

8. Council Vacancies

The Current Vacancies are

1 Aylesford South

9. Public Convenience Review – Aylesford Toilets

A copy of the report of the Clerk is attached to this Agenda.

10. Review of Council Noticeboards, Map Boards and Seats

Following the decision to replace 8 existing Noticeboards with new Aluminium noticeboards similar in size to the current noticeboards, three quotations were sought and the following prices received:-

Fitzpatrick Woolmer - £10428

Greenbarnes – £5513.88

Townscape - £11974.25

It is recommended that the quotation from Greenbarnes be accepted. Upon receipt of the product the works to install them will be undertaken by the Council's small works grass contractor during the winter months.

11. Financial Risk Assessment

The draft Financial Risk Assessment is attached for consideration and recommendation to Council.

12. Cambridge and Counties Bank- Savings Bond

The Council's 2-year bond with the Cambridge and Counties Bank in the sum of £42,500 has just matured and they are offering the Council the option of opening a new bond of either 1 year, 2 years and 5 years with rates of 1.15%, 1.2%, and 1.4%. It is suggested that with the possible need for access to these funds that on this occasion a 1-year bond is agreed. In addition, the Council's 1-year bond for the same sum as above will mature in November and it is suggested that a new 1-year bond is also agreed for this sum.

13. Home-Start South West Kent – Request for Financial Support

Home-Start South West Kent are a local charity that supports families with young children who live in Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. They have informed the Council that they have supported a family in Aylesford and a family

in Eccles over the last few months. They have stated that even before the Covid-19 pandemic they were one of the very few services available to parents who were struggling to cope, and they have stated that they were needed now more than ever as parent and child activities have had to close, and fewer statutory services were available to offer support. They have asked the Council for some financial support as it costs approximately £1,300 to support a family and they have indicated that they would be grateful for any contribution that the Council felt able to make. Back in 2017 the Council made a donation of £120 towards this Charity.

14. Aylesford FC Wildcats – Request for Micro Grant Support

Aylesford FC have established a new Group called the Wildcats which is a group set up to support young and new girl players as they get to know football. The Club would wish to provide these youngsters new to football with a training top/jacket. The Club was wondering if the Council would support this idea with an allocation of micro grant up to the sum of £200-300

15. Development Proposal for Land East of Hermitage Lane

Croudace Homes have sent the Council a copy of a community newsletter it has sent out to local residents regarding their proposals for development of up to 330 dwellings at land on the east of Hermitage Lane just south of Barming Station. A copy of that newsletter is attached to the Agenda. Croudace Homes asked that this be brought to your attention and that if you have any questions or wish to discuss it further to get in touch.

16. Any Other Business/Correspondence

Neil Harris
Clerk to the Council

Date: 28 October 2020