

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2006

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mesdames Harrison and Holmes, Mr. Mackin.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Coward, Gray and Wren.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

At this point Mr. Steeples welcomed Inspector Jaki Whittred from Beds police who arrived to give the committee a presentation on both the re-structuring of the county's police force and to answer any concerns and questions the committee may have regarding the potential funding of a PSCSO.

Inspector Whittred gave a very comprehensive explanation on the roles and responsibilities of a PCSO and all the members' questions were fully answered.

The Inspector was thanked for her attendance after which she left and the meeting resumed.

3. CONTRACT-BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY/SHEFFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Having received two question and answer sessions from both Chief Inspector Neill Waring and Inspector Jaki Whittred of Beds police it is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council that a contract for funding a designated PCSO for Shefford be signed.

4. COMMUNITY AWARD

Mr. Peter Fisher has nominated his wife to be considered as a possible recipient of the annual Community Award. Mr. Fisher is to be informed that his wife will be considered for the Award along with other nominations received in the Spring of next year.

5. REPAIRS TO PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Town Council's Playground Inspector has highlighted the need for several repairs to be carried out in the interests of safety on various items of play equipment in three of the play areas for which the Council has a responsibility.

St. Michael's – replace 6 no. rotting decks on the Rainbow Multi Play Unit, remove the talking tubes, to turf the area in front of seat and lay grassmat.

Midland Close – to replace gravel boards to boundary fence.

The Meads – to replace the missing seating log.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.
