

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2008

PRESENT

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

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Gray and Coward.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The date for the next Annual Town Meeting has been set for Friday 18th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Methodist Church Meeting Room. Topics for the Agenda were also agreed.

4. SAVE OUR SERVICES PETITION – BEDS C C

The County Council has launched a new petition campaign, encouraging residents and stakeholders to sign up to their plans for a county-wide unitary authority. In their opinion two unitary councils will cost more and mean massive cuts. The Government is consulting stakeholders on the County Council's unitary proposals, along with those of Bedford Borough Council and the 'Central Bedfordshire' proposal from Mid and South Beds Districts. The deadline for responses is 13 February and there is an e-petition which can be downloaded from their website.

5. INFORMATION REQUEST TO MBDC RE OUTSTANDING S.106 AGREEMENTS

The District Council is to be requested to provide full information on all outstanding s.106 Agreements relating to Shefford.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Friday market's managing company to be contacted yet again to ascertain if they would consider selling the Market Charter to the Town Council. Numerous attempts to secure the Charter have been made in the past but the company has never given a positive response either way.

The contractor is to be requested to attend to the door on the male public conveniences.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.