

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor P Gruen in the Chair

Councillors D Blackburn, N Dawson,
S Golton, G Latty, A Lowe, A McKenna,
E Nash, J Procter, M Rafique and S Varley

Apologies Councillors J Blake, J Lewis and
K Wakefield

16 Election of Chair

In the absence of Councillor Wakefield, it was proposed by Councillor Nash and seconded by Councillor Lowe that Councillor P Gruen be elected as Chair for the meeting.

RESOLVED – The Committee resolved to elect Councillor P Gruen as Chair for the meeting.

17 Appeals against refusal of inspection of documents

There were no appeals against the refusal of inspection of documents.

18 Exempt Information - possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no resolutions to exclude the public.

19 Late items

There were no late items submitted to the agenda for consideration.

20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations made.

21 Apologies for absence

There were apologies from Councillors J Blake, J Lewis, and K Wakefield.

In attendance as substitutes for Councillors Blake and Wakefield were Councillors A McKenna and N Dawson

22 Minutes 29th August 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2014 were approved as a correct record.

23 Community Governance Review for the Creation of a Town Council for Guiseley

Following a valid petition, received from electors in polling districts from the Guiseley and Rawdon Ward, the Head of Licensing and Registration presented his report which requested that a decision be taken on whether or not a Community Governance Review, concerning the creation of a town council for Guiseley, should take place. In the event of a decision to undertake a review the report also sought approval to the terms of reference, timetable and process for that review.

Members discussed the report and matters associated with carrying out a Community Governance Review in detail. Particularly:

- The timing of the review given the full review of parish and town councils arrangements that concluded in November 2013;
- The benefits and success of parish and town councils as a representative form of local democracy;
- The twenty five thousand pound costs of undertaking a referendum as part of the consultation process should a decision to progress with the review be made and a referendum supported; and
- The polling districts comprising the proposed town council area.

A motion was put by Councillor Nash and seconded by Councillor Lowe that a Community Governance Review for the establishment of a town council for Guiseley be agreed and that the terms of reference for undertaking the review detailed at Appendix B of the report be approved.

An amendment was put by Councillor Latty and seconded by Councillor Procter that the method of consultation for such a review, if agreed by the Committee, be by way of a referendum. On being put to the vote the amendment was not supported.

The substantive motion in the name of Councillor Nash, on being put to the vote was agreed and it was:

RESOLVED – That:

- (a) A Community Governance Review for the establishment of a town council for Guiseley be undertaken; and
- (b) The terms of reference, process and timetable set out at Appendix B of the submitted report, be approved.

