

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Policy, Resources & General Purposes  
Committee, held at the Town Hall, Rye, on  
Monday 23 March 2015**

**PRESENT** Councillors Granville Bantick, Mike Boyd, John Breeds,  
Jonathan Breeds (**Committee Chairman** - Deputy Mayor),  
Mike Eve (**Committee Vice-Chairman**), Bernardine Fiddimore (Mayor),  
Jo Kirkham, Shaun Rogers, Sam Souster

**IN ATTENDANCE** Richard Farhall - Town Clerk; 2 members of the public

*The meeting commenced at 7.33pm.*

**68 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence – and the reason lodged with the Clerk – were accepted from Cllr Ian Potter.

**69 CODE OF CONDUCT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Jonathan Breeds	<b>72A</b>	<i>prejudicial</i>	Hosting the event and committee member
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**70 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** To adopt the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 (PR05) as an accurate record of the proceedings.

**71 MATTERS ARISING**

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*17(b) Flag flying – Landgate Tower (providing RDC with two appropriate flags to fly during the main visitor season) RDC has advised that one of the two poles is not safe enough to continue to use. Confirmation that RDC is prepared to fly a RTC- supplied flag from the other pole is awaited. RDC will not be replacing the defective pole.*

*34 Thwarting gulls (ascertaining the cost of a suitable bag to protect plastic sacks – and asking RDC if it would consider introducing a scheme similar to Thanet DC's) Outstanding.*

*53 Public Conveniences (establishing a working group) This had yet to meet.*

*78 Accessibility – Chamber (seeking advice from those invited to provide structural survey estimates) Outstanding.*

*19 Work Programme, Resolved 2 (prioritizing asset review after completion of Annual Report 2013) Both outstanding.*

*51.2d) HC – Structure (seeking guidance on alternatives from Hedleys and SSALC. Outstanding.*

*52 Priorities – Review (special PRGP meeting) Outstanding.*

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64 Former FE Centre and Library (asking Andy Hemsley to invite Observer readers to provide their written recollections of Sue Middlehurst's publicly-stated undertakings) Needs to be followed up.

5.5 Grant application (ascertaining whether the Rye Festival's Constitution provides for RTC representation) Outstanding.

52 Supporting Local Businesses, Recommendation (Holding an annual reception for all Rye businesses – to coincide with Small Business Saturday) Outstanding.

55 Rye Cemetery, Resolved (To consider the need to identify additional burial space once the survey report is available) Pending.

57b) Living Wage (Deferring further consideration until the outcomes of a number of employment law appeals are known) Pending.

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64 Tourism and Events post (preparing a costed proposal for Council) Actioned.

## 72 NEW EVENTS FUND

The meeting noted the thoughts of Cllr Lord Ampthill (unable to be present).

Members were invited to consider the applications following:

Applicant	Purpose	Requested	Notes
A Rye Ukulele Experiment	First Rye Ukulele Festival	£500	New organisation - bank account being set up
B 18 Hours Ltd	Manjusaka (Japanese dance and contemporary art forms)	£2,000	'The Picnic' performed in Rye, August 2014

### A Rye Ukulele Experiment

*Cllr Jonathan Breeds passed the chair to the Vice-Chairman and absented himself for the duration of this item.*

Speaking from the Gallery, Lorna Hall advised that a dozen bands would be attending – but 18 had expressed a desire to attend. She anticipated that band members would bring with them family members and friends. It was likely that more space would be needed next year.

**RECOMMENDATION To award the grant requested - £500.**

### B 18 Hours Ltd

Comments included: the Rye component of the event was likely to be small and it was unclear whether a grant of £2,000 would offer 'good value'; the comment that dance is 'under-represented' is not true in Rye - it has two dance schools and events are held at Rye College.

**RESOLVED To ask for a breakdown of the £2,500 cost of the Rye programme.**  
**Clerk**

*The meeting ended at 7.51pm.*

Date ..... Chairman .....