

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **POLICY & REVIEW COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2009 at 7.04 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr J Burden (Chairman of the Council)**  
**Cllr T F Wheeler (Vice-Chairman of the Council)**  
**Cllr A J Hampton (Chairman Resources Committee)**  
**Cllr L G Harvey (Chairman Recreation & Leisure Committee)**  
**Cllr M J Hodgkinson (Chairman Planning & Environment  
Committee)**

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Cllr R W Booth**  
**Cllr R D Cook**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr A K Oliver, MBE**

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**TWINNING WITH A THIRD TOWN**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated 11 July 2009 from Cllr R W Booth, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Booth attended the meeting and presented his paper.

He also made the following additional points:

- a) there was no intention to incur the Town Council in any costs;
- b) he would not have sought the support of the Town Council except that his proposal would only have a possibility of succeeding if the name of the Town Council was used;
- c) the Omani people were very pro British and we, as a nation, already have strong trade and cultural links which we could use to help boost trade and tourism in the town;
- d) as far as he was aware, there was no other British town twinned with an Omani town;
- e) it was his intention, as with other twinning arrangements, for it to be run by a voluntary organisation.

**RECOMMENDED**

- a) that the principle of exploring the possibility of twinning with a town in Oman be supported on the basis that there is no direct cost to the Town Council;
- b) that Cllr Booth's intention as outlined in his memorandum to establish a voluntary committee to carry out research and develop the idea be supported;
- c) that Cllr Booth report back in six months time with his findings and recommendations.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council