

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 30th July 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall, Fordingbridge

Present:

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

Cllrs Adams, Anstey, Lewendon, Fulford, Hale, Paton, Price & (G) Wilson

In attendance:

Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk

Mr Lee Britten-Jones

1. To accept apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Perkins, (A) Wilson & Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hale declared an interest in Agenda item 7, no. 1, Grant for Fordingbridge Day Centre

Cllr Adams declared an interest in Agenda item 5 Payment of Accounts

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2014 and report any matters arising.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and Cllr Hale seconded and it was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2014 2014 be signed as a true record.

Minute No. 3 – Information Office Cover – Mrs Coley is unable to provide cover during the summer period. The Clerk is to receive training to enable cover to be provided at short notice.

Minute No. 11 - Burgate Fields parking – Cllr Connolly reported that the issues had not been resolved and would be ongoing until the Autumn. A Traffic/Parking Survey would be carried out in the new school term starting in September. Cllr Connolly had informed residents of Burgate Fields that while the Council is sympathetic to their concerns, the Council could not take any action which would move the problems elsewhere (to another residential area). Further discussion would be undertaken with Cllr E Heron, HCC.

4. To receive any matters raised by members of the public

No matters were raised. At this point in the meeting, the Chairman invited Mr Lee Britten-Jones to make a presentation to Members as part of his application for the Member Vacancy. Mr Britten-Jones then gave his presentation, following which he left the meeting.

5. To receive details of Monies Collected and Payment of Accounts

In the absence of the Finance Officer, the Chairman presented the Financial Report and Members discussed the following items:

Amenities – Charging the Whippet Club for bookings not fulfilled. Members AGREED that notice of cancellation should be received in order for no charge to be made. Town Clerk and Finance Officer to communicate with Doreen Hopkins, Whippet Club Organiser.

Fishing Permits Charges – This will be reviewed at General Council on 6th August 2014 – Town Clerk and Finance Office to prepare schedule of charges.

Income from Concession Lease – To be deferred until Finance & Policy meeting on 27th August 2014 for discussion regarding which budget should receive this income.

Naming of Kiosk – Cllr Fulford raised the issue of the naming of the concession building and whether sponsorship could be sought. Members AGREED that the kiosk should be named

by the Council rather than the tenant and AGREED that this should be discussed at General Council on the 6th August 2014.

6. To receive any Finance and Policy matters referred from sub-committees.

Amenities - New goal posts have been ordered at a cost of £1,021.00

7. To consider the following grant applications:

Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Frail & Housebound - Members discussed the application.

It was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Adams and **RESOLVED**: that a grant of **£350.00** be given to Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Frail & Housebound.

Victim Support – Members discussed the application.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr Wilson and **RESOLVED**: that a grant of **£100.00** be given to Victim Support

Citizens Advice Bureau – Members discussed the application.

It was proposed by Cllr G Wilson and seconded by Cllr Adams that subject to the conditions listed below, **£350.00** be given to Citizens Advice Bureau

- The grant money is to be spent in Fordingbridge Branch CAB
- That the Fordingbridge Branch is open during published Opening Hours

8. To note any items of Correspondence

Fordingbridge Summer Festival – Letter of thanks received from the Chairman, successful event and next year's event planned for Saturday 18th July 2015.

Rae Straton Lunch Club – Letter of thanks for Grant Monies received from the Secretary.

Victoria Rooms Trust – Letter received clarifying recent Grant application and the timing of the application which was received within a year of the last award.

9. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

The Clerk had nothing to report.

Cllr Adams raised, on behalf of Fordingbridge Entertainments Society, whether the Council would agree to the Society purchasing and installing new speakers for the Town Hall. These would be ordered through the Council, in order that VAT could be claimed back but the Entertainment Society would pay for the speakers; the speakers would remain in the Town Council's ownership and would be available to any person hiring the Main Hall.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr G Wilson and it was **RESOLVED** that Fordingbridge Entertainment Society's offer to purchase new speakers for the Town Hall be accepted and the speakers to be ordered. 8 Members voted in favour and Cllr Adams abstained.

10. To note the date of the next Finance & Policy meeting as Wednesday 27th August 2014

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.