

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 29th
August 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall Council Chamber, Fordingbridge

Present:

Cllr Adams – Chairman
Cllrs Anstey, Connolly, Fulford, Hale, Paton, Perkins & Shering

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk
Deborah Gordon, Finance Officer

1. To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lewendon, Price, (A) Wilson & (G) Wilson

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest received from:
Cllrs Adams for payments of accounts.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2012 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No members of the public present.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the monies collected and accounts be approved and paid. All in favour, Carried.

Recreation Ground charges for single events – members discussed the charging for ‘one-off’ events such as the Fordingbridge Festival and Moto Guzzi using the Recreation Ground. The difficulties of charging per head when groups were camping was pointed out and it was suggested that a daily rate for a whole group event be imposed. Currently the policy is £5 per head for camping and the charge for one off events to be decided by the Committee. It was AGREED that the Festival and Motto Guzzi would not be charged this year but future charges would be discussed and the charging policy for the Recreation Ground be reviewed at the next meeting of Finance & Policy Committee.

6. To receive any Finance & Policy Matters referred from sub-committees

No matters referred.

7. To consider the following grant applications

New Forest Disability Information Service – it was AGREED to award a grant of £250

Forest Forge Theatre Company – it was AGREED to award a grant of £250

Life Education Wessex – It was AGREED to defer this application to a future meeting. Cllr Fulford will make further enquires and report back.

8. To discuss the abolishing of Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 regarding Council payments.

Members discussed the proposals set out in the consultation which proposes the removal of the statutory rule requiring cheques and other orders for the payment of money by parish councils (in England) and community councils (in Wales) to be signed by two councillors. The Government proposes that this should be done by a legislative reform order made under the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006. The paper also sets out the safeguards that would apply to payments by these bodies once the two signature rule is removed.

Members AGREED to support the abolition of Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

9. To note any items of Correspondence

Nothing to report.

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

Travellers on Brownsey's Field – the Clerk advised that the travellers left on Thursday 23rd August. NFDC completed a clean-up operations and the field was ready for use after the weekend. The cost to date for cleaning is £336 + VAT.

Because the Staff & Remuneration Committee were unable to meet before this meeting there was no Closed Session as advertised on the agenda.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 29th August 2012

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.