

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Connolly - Chairman
Cllrs Adams, Price, Anstey, Hale, Earth, Fulford, Perkins, Wilson & Lewendon

In attendance: Mrs H Richards, Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer

1. To receive any apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Adams declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda item 5, Monies collected & Payment of Accounts as a supplier to the Council – both remained in the meeting but did not speak or vote on this item.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2016 and report any matters arising

Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2016 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

No Matters arising

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

No members of the public present.

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

The Finance Officer summarised the accounts for February noting expenditure items for barriers for Christmas event, additional matting required for the new play equipment and also advising that following a high Electricity bill that had been received, this is being investigated as it is unclear what this charge relates to.

With regard to the Budgets for the existing Financial Year, the Finance Officer reported on a predicted underspend overall across the 3 budgets at year end.

6. To discuss provision of the Summer Playscheme 2016

The Town Clerk advised that confirmation of grant funding towards the 2016 scheme had not yet been received, however following discussion of the success of last year's scheme, Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the scheme be run during the Summer of 2016.

Clerk to liaise with scheme Manager and seek funding from New Forest DC and Hampshire CC.

7. To receive any Finance & Policy matters referred from sub-committees

No matters referred from sub-committees.

8. To consider the following Grant applications

- **Avon Valley Dementia Pals**

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Perkins and therefore **RESOLVED**: that a grant of £300.00 be made to Avon Valley Dementia Pals

- **New Forest Citizen Advice Bureau**

Following discussion regarding the service provided at the Fordingbridge Branch, Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED**: that a grant of £350.00 be made to the New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau.

9. To note any items of correspondence

No items of correspondence

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

The chairman reported that Members were invited to a visit and discussion at the former Branksome China premises, (Regal Cinema) in Shaftesbury Street on the evening of Monday 29th February at which time the architect would be present to answer any questions regarding the redevelopment of the site.

The Clerk reported on a recent meeting with officers from New Forest DC regarding grounds maintenance and associated responsibilities – in particular in connection with the closed St Mary's Churchyard and Stuckton Road Cemetery. New Forest DC and Town Council staff to ascertain responsibility and it is proposed that a full report will be presented to the Amenities and General Purposes Committees at their meetings on 18th May 2016.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 30th March 2016

The meeting closed at 7.57pm