

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 7.30pm** (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

#### **Present:**

Cllr Connolly – Chairman

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

#### **In Attendance:**

Mrs H Richards – Town Clerk

Mrs M Coatham – Finance Officer

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Perkins

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Adams declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5, Monies Collected and Payment of Accounts as a supplier to the Council but remained in the meeting but did not speak or vote on this item.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and report on any matters arising**

Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Adams and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 be signed as a true record. All in favour.

#### **Matters Arising**

Minute No. 3 – Quotes Groundsman's Bungalow – not yet received  
BT Invoices – information still awaited.

Minute No. 5 – Kiosk rental money received; 9 invoices remain unpaid for hanging baskets

Minute No. 8 – Play area enhancement scheme – New Forest DC advised re. S106 monies & pre-contract meeting due shortly.

#### **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**

The Finance Officer reported on the financial activity during the past month including the rise in income due to increased burial fees, the Playscheme, payments for hanging baskets and the annual Allotment fees. Sales on behalf of other organisations made at the Information Officer had also increased.

Quotes are awaited for repairs to the Town Hall Roof and Pavilion.

The Chairman reported that £4250 had been given to the Council by Hampshire County Council for spending on youth – the Under 11's Youth Group at Avonway have requested funds from Fordingbridge Town Council. The Chairman suggested that £1,000 be given to the group towards transport costs.

Cllr Fulford proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the Council give the U11's Youth Group £1,000 towards their transport costs.

All in favour.

#### **6. To receive the Audit Report**

The Finance Officer summarised the latest update for the Audit Report including:

- Asset Register – missing items
- Error on Balance – Typo Error
- Financial Records – Burials

#### **7. To receive a report on the Summer Playscheme 2015**

The Finance Officer reported on a very successful Playscheme with a small profit being made. There were good activities provided and ideas have already been received for next year.

#### **8. To receive any Finance and Policy matters referred from sub-committees**

- Amenities Committee – Skate Park repairs

A quote had been received for the repairs to the Skate park required following the ROSPA report – this quote is within the budgeted figure allocated in the current financial year.

Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the quote is accepted and the repairs to the skate park be carried out. All voted in favour.

#### **9. To note any items of correspondence**

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Fordingbridge & District Day Centre for the Frail and Housebound for the Grant Award of £350.

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

The Clerk reported that the Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital have confirmed that the 2 defibrillators to be provided for the town should be ordered and had requested that Members suggest other funding ideas to which the group could contribute. Following discussion including the provision of a medical kit for the Pavilion, Cllr Adams proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Fulford and therefore **RESOLVED** that the Friends of Fordingbridge Hospital be approached with a request for a 3<sup>rd</sup> defibrillator to be provided and located at the Sports Pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

All voted in favour.

The Chairman requested an update on the provision of a security barrier at the recreation ground and also a hard-standing for use as a bandstand (within the Memorial Gardens).

The Clerk responded and informed the meeting that a quote had been obtained for a height-restriction barrier and discussions with the rugby club were ongoing regarding the provision of security, drop-down bollards to protect the recreation ground from unauthorised encampments.

The provision of the hard standing has not been progressed.

**11. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

The meeting closed at 8.18pm