

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2016 AT THE CIVIC
HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr L A Clarke

Cllrs: Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, H Murray and Mrs J Saunders

Attending under SO56: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee, Cllr Clarke was proposed as Chair for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Clarke is chairman for the meeting (NC)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Beanland, C Gorst, L Podmore, G Smith and Mrs T Lorde.

2. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

3. Previous meeting minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16th May 2016 are approved as an accurate record (4 for, 1 abstention)

4. Receive and consider a request for funding from the Twinning Association of Poynton

The committee considered the request for funding from the Twinning Association of Poynton. There was some ambiguity about the total amount requested by the Association.

It was proposed that the £250 for the Twinning Association event on 6th July 2016 is approved and that any further requests are submitted in a detailed application to be considered by the COPS committee.

RESOLVED: That £250 for the Twinning Association event on 6th July 2016 is approved. That any further requests are submitted in a detailed application to be considered by the COPS committee (NC)

5. Receive and consider a written commentary from the Clerk regarding the Financial Statements for 2015/16

The Chairman delivered the commentary for the Financial Statements for 2015/16.

It was confirmed that the two issues as noted at the previous committee meeting have been amended. The Clerk highlighted the changes on Page 3 of the document.

There was a question raised about the balance of the Village Improvement Scheme and the authority to release these funds for Phase 3 of the Village Improvement Scheme. It was noted that although the authority to spend these funds was previously with the Steering committee this was some time ago, prior to the 2015 council elections, and that any resolution to spend the funds should be determined by this committee.

It was proposed that the Financial Statements for 2015/16 are received and recommended for presentation to the Town Council meeting on 13th June 2016. That the Village Improvement Scheme is an agenda item at a future committee including a written report to be received.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statements for 2015/16 are received and recommended for presentation to the Town Council meeting on 13th June 2016. That the Village Improvement Scheme is an agenda item at a future committee including a written report to be received (NC)

6. Receive and approve the Town Council Risk Assessment for 2016/17

The committee considered the Town Council Risk Assessment for 2016/17. The Clerk confirmed that there were no significant changes.

The Clerk is due to revise and update the current Community Resilience Plan. The Clerk will clarify for whom the Poynton Civic Hall is listed as a rest centre. The Clerk was requested to check with ChALC on the requirements to publish the Annual Governance Statement and Accounts and report at a subsequent meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council Risk Assessment for 2016/17 is approved. That a report a report on how the Town Council report and respond to electors wishing to exercise their right for inspection be prepared for a subsequent meeting (NC)

7. Receive and consider the letter from Cheshire Association of Local Councils in response to the letter sent about the affiliation fee for 2016/17

The committee received and considered the letter from Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) in response to the letter sent about the affiliation

fee for 2016/17. It was noted that the majority of ChALC members are small Parish Councils. The committee agreed that the Town Council will need to consider carefully future membership given the increasing membership costs.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence is received.

8. Receive and consider the letter from Mr David Rutley MP sent with a letter from Mr Marcus Jones MP, Minister of Local Government, in response to the Council's letter in connection with the devolution of business rates

RESOLVED: That the correspondence is received (NC)

9. To note the bank reconciliation for May 2016 as verified by the Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: In the absence of the Vice Chairman, this matter is deferred to the next committee meeting (NC)

10. Payment Schedule for May 2016

It was requested that the website costs are explored to ensure value for money.

RESOLVED: That the Payment Schedule for May 2016 is approved (NC)

11. To note the remit for the Finance and General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: That the remit is noted and approved (NC)

Meeting End Time: 7.45pm