

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE
CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr C Gorst

Cllrs: M Beanland, L A Clarke, Mrs R Horsman-Johnson, G King, H Murray, L Podmore and G Smith

Attending under SO54: Cllr Mrs S Horsman

51. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

52. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs J Saunders and Mrs T Lorde.

53. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

None.

54. Previous meeting minutes

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th January 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

A member asked if there had been a reply to the letter to David Rutley MP regarding the business rates. The Clerk will follow up and report back.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th January 2016 are approved as an accurate record (NC)

55. Consider a draft media release regarding the 2016/17 precept

The committee considered two draft media releases regarding the 2016/17 precept as circulated by the Clerk.

In the version dated 4th January 2016, changes were agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk adapts the draft media release based on the comments and circulated to all councillors for comments. That delegated powers are given to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of F&GP to approve a final version (NC)

56. Payment Schedule for November 2015

A member noted a high number of payments for photocopying. The Clerk agreed that the charges are high, this may be in part due to variable hire charges for each photocopier. The Clerk will research and report back at the next committee meeting with a preliminary investigation into a potential new contract for photocopying.

A member noted the high cost of the Christmas Tree. The Clerk will research other options later in the year.

A member noted that the Poynton PCSO's are being deployed across other areas of Cheshire East. It was proposed that this is investigated before the next committee meeting and a refund received.

The Clerk will find out why there is an entry for "PACE Prizes/Inclines" and report back to the committee.

RESOLVED: That the Payment Schedule for November 2015 is approved. That the Clerk further investigates matters raised by members (NC)

Meeting End Time: 8.35pm