

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 16th JULY 2012 AT 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors: N Hollinghurst (Chairman)
B Batchelor
Mrs G Haynes
Mrs P Hearn
M Hicks
Mrs R Ransley

Also present: Mr K Gray (Town Clerk)
Mrs B Daytonn (Deputy Town Clerk)
Press (Tring Gazette)

Resolved: That Cllr Hollinghurst chair the meeting.

16473. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED: To receive accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Allan & Alison.

16474. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Hollinghurst and Hearn made a declaration of interest in their roles as committee members of the Tring Youth Project as this group would be discussed as part of the budget category changes.

16475. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May, 2012 as a true record.

16476. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

- The Clerk reported that the paperwork for the Public Sector Deposit Fund had been signed and a cheque for £79,000 will be issued accordingly to deposit the funds.

16477. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

16478. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 67 so those members of the public present the meeting might speak.

There were no questions from the public and the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

16479. **GRANTS**

To consider awarding moneies under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972, or under any other appropriate powers, from the the general grants fund to various organisations.

No applications received.

16480. **REVISED BUDGET 2012/13**

Members considered the various category amounts in the budget with particular emphasise on making proposals to change some of the amounts originally agreed..

RESOLVED: The following changes were agreed and made to the budget categories:

- Add extra £2,000 to the Market House General Repairs & Maintenance
- Add extra £3,000 for the purchase of a new boiler for the Market House
- Make available £5,000 to Tring Youth Project for staff related costs as per last year with criteria for justification should requests be made to TTC for financial assistance.
- £1,000 to be set aside for the purchase of 1,000 meters of bunting
- Add extra £1,600 for Allotments management, maintenance and development
- Make available £1,000 for agreed spend for first year in producing a Town Plan
- Add extra £2,500 for the maintenance of the bus shelter on Church Square.
To paint and refurbish the Church Square shelter and replace one perspex panel.

B&A Committee to be requested to make contact with HCC to request that the bus stop and shelter be moved further up the High Street.

16481. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDERS**

To consider the procedures for allowing members of the public to speak at council meetings. The Clerk gave advice and guidance on the law and practice of local authority meetings and in particular allowing members of the public to speak at council meetings. The definition of “public” was explained. The committee were in agreement with the guidance

RESOLVED: That the current practice of requesting names and addresses remain in place.

16482. **RESERVES**

Council considered the amount of unallocated reserves currently standing at £93,000.

RESOLVED: To invest a further £70,000 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund.

16483. **MAYORAL LEAFLET**

Discussion took place on the suitability of issuing a leaflet to local businesses and organisations informing them of how the Mayor can assist in the promotion of local business, charitable and other organisations.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Ransley and Batchelor consider suitable wording and bring back to Full Council for consideration and possible agreement to proceed.

16484. **AUDIT WORKING GROUP**

The Audit Working Group had met but Cllr Alison & Cllr S Hearn were not able to update the committee due to absence.

RESOLVED: To give an update at a future meeting.

There being no further business of the Committee, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____