

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING
TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING
ON MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2013 AT 8:45p.m.**

Present: Councillors: H. Alison (Chairman)
J. Allan
B. Batchelor
Mrs P Hearn
N. Hollinghurst (ex officio)
M Hicks
N. Nutkins
Mrs R Ransley (ex officio)

Also present: Councillors: N. Nutkins
Mrs D. Rance

Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs S. Johnson, Temporary Administrative Support

No members of the public

16669. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs G Haynes (Family commitment)

16670. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Hearn declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to item 16677 through her husband holding a tenancy where the Council is the landlord.

16671. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16672. **MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

There were none.

16673. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

16674. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

16675. **GRANTS 2012/13**

Letters of thanks had been received from:

- Tring in Transition (2)
- Tring Together
- Age Concern Dacorum
- The Chilterns Conservation Board

No grant applications had been received.

16676. **ACCOUNTS 2012/13**

The Clerk reported that a review of the coding of income and expenditure was being conducted. Until this was complete the allocation shown in the Quickbooks report was unreliable: the report would be available at the next meeting. Separate estimates of the overall 2012/3 out-turn had been made – both showed an estimated underspend of approx. £34,000.

16677. **ESTIMATES OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2013/14**

The Chairman referred to the second draft of the Estimates for 2013/14 circulated with the agenda. Following discussion no amendments were made, but the potential for additional resources to be required for the preparation of the Town Plan was noted. It was considered premature to make an allocation. Assurance was given that the income allocated for the Old School Yard Car Park accurately reflected the sums received during this financial year.

The Clerk reported the details of the adjusted tax base and Council Tax Support Grant to be awarded for the parished areas received from Dacorum Borough Council (DBC).

- Resolved:** That the Committee make the following recommendations to Council at the meeting to be held on 21st January:
- (a) An application of £380 be made to DBC for concurrent services
 - (b) A grant application for £13,7868 be made to DBC for the employment of the Town Warden
 - (c) That the precept be set at a level to maintain the current level of the Band D payment (£23.19) i.e. a precept of £122,339.07

16678. **INSURANCE PROVISION 2013/14 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS**

The renewal notice for the Council's insurance has been received. Due to the sums involved further quotations had been requested.

- Resolved:** That delegated powers be given to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the Finance & Policy Committee to determine the best value quotation on a three year contract.

16679. **THE TOWN COUNCIL'S IMAGE/BRANDING**

Examples of Council logos showing the Market House in black; and the Tring Town "Stag" were considered. The practicality of the former and brand value of its long-term use were noted whilst the historic connection and use in civic regalia of the latter was noted.

- Resolved:** That the Council logo of the black Market House be adopted for future general use. That the Tring Town "Stag" coloured image be reserved for ceremonial purposes.

16680. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

It was **PROPOSED** by Councillor Mrs Ransley, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mrs Hearn and **RESOLVED:** That under Section I of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded during the Items in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it was likely that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or for other special reasons arising from the nature of the business or proceedings.

16681. **ESTIMATES OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2013/14: RESIDUAL MATTERS**

There were no matters outstanding from the open session.

The meeting ended at 9:32 p.m.

Chairman