

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 23rd January 2017

Cllr. D Saunders (Chair).

Cllrs. B. Bayford, J. Bayford, Binks, Buckley, Dexter, Leys, Matterface,
Parsons, M. Saunders, Savage, Shaw and Taylor-Smith.

Town Clerk, Danielle Dunn.

Minutes marked * require a resolution from the Town Council

271 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Moore gave apologies prior to the Summons. Cllr B Hayton was unable to attend due to ill health

272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

273 MINUTES

RESOLVED to APPROVE and Chairman to SIGN the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting of Monday 14th November 2016.

274 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED to RECEIVE the minutes of the Assets and Budget Review Sub-Committee meeting held on 17th October 2016.

275 THANET PARKWAY PRESENTATION

Presentation undertaken

276 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair discussed his ongoing support of the Alan Squirrel Artificial Kidney Trust, which help fund capital equipment for the care of kidney patients in East Kent Hospitals, he attended a meeting for the trust on the 5th December 2016, regarding funding equipment for the QEQM hospital.

The Chair undertook a site visit on the 14th December with the CT10 Parochial Charities regarding the access to the Culmers Land, following the residential development. At the site visit the Chair had set out the Town Councils requirements for access to the amenity land and the retained ownership of a 2m strip of land. It was explained that the lease was ready to sign, which had been 2.5 years in the making.

277 CORRESPONDENCE and CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Cllrs were made aware of the new TDC Local Plan that was open for public consultation between the 20th January and the 17th March 2017. It was agreed that a Council response would go through the Planning Committee, with all Members invited to attend or send in their comments to the committee.

The Town Clerk provided an update on a bill for £4040.64 that had been received from EDF Energy for the Community Hall building. It was explained that legal advice had been sought and the bill was being contested, due to EDF utilising incorrect meter readings for an extended period of time. Following the legal advice a sum of £750 had been offered by the Council as a good will gesture for closure of the matter. The Town Clerk to update at the next F&GP regarding their response.

278 FINANCIAL MATTERS and ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT*

RESOLVED to AUTHORISE payment of accounts schedule no. 263.

279 GRANTS

RESOLVED that the list of Grants from the December 12th 2016 Leisure and Tourism sub-committee be approved and accepted with the exception of the grant awarded to the Wheels and Finns festival. Wheels and Finns festival grant to be reduced from £5000 to £3000 following discussion about the benefits it brings to the town, specifically in regard to it being a private enterprise and the number of residents and local business that benefit from the festival.

280 WAR MEMORIAL HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND CLOSURE AND PLAQUE

RESOLVED that the wording of the memorial plaque to read "The Broadstairs War Memorial- Erected in 1923 and paid for by the townspeople of Broadstairs- Refurbished in 2016 to mark the centenary of the Great War by Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and local volunteer Mr Mark Strand."

RESOLVED plaque colour: black; writing: white; town crest: in colour, to be the most up-to-date with the writing surrounding.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk contact Mark Strand to ensure his acceptance of the above wording.

It was also agreed that The Mayor look into awarding Mark Strand a Town Crest for the work he has undertaken and the ongoing work on the memorial and it surrounds, to be looked into further by the Mayor.

281 WOMENS INSTITUTE POPPY DISPLAY

RESOLVED that the WI be allowed to undertake a display of handmade poppies around the War Memorial to mark the November 2017 Remembrance Day. Town Clerk to request that the WI set out their proposals in more detail for Cllrs information.

282 KCC VOLUNTARY WARDEN SCHEME

RESOLVED not to enter into the scheme, the Town Clerk to draft a response to KCC to commend them on the scheme, but to decline offer.

283 * PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2017-2018

RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommended budget for the fiscal year 2017-18, with the agreement of reducing the budget expenditure by £2000, to acknowledge the reduction in the grant awarded to Wheels and Finn Festival (Agenda Reference 279)

RESOLVED to increase the precept by £9.90 for a Band D Council Tax payer for the fiscal year 2017-18, which is an increase of 24.94 % on the 2016-17 precept and to INSTRUCT Thanet District Council to collect a precept of £463,352.10 (£49.59 a year for a household paying Council Tax Band D).

284 PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Binks set out the need to discuss increasing the number of F&GP committee meetings held throughout the year to ensure agenda items aren't waiting 3 months to be discussed, agendas aren't too lengthy and due to issues identified with ratifying the annual budget.

Cllr B Bayford set out the need to discuss the criteria which decides grants are agreed in the future

It was noted that the next meeting is 27th March 2017.

Town Clerk
Meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Meeting was recorded: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the public were present: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the press were present: ~~yes~~/no