

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

15th May 2018 at 7.55 pm

Minutes

(Please note that all Councillors are now members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.)

1. APOLOGIES

CLLRS BURROWS, FOX, LONG, MORGAN & M SMITH

PRESENT: CLLRS COAKLEY, DOWDALL, GOLD, D SMITH, TAGG (CHAIR), TOLMAN & WATSON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

OFFICERS: CLERK & OPERATIONS MANAGER

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Dowdall and agreed to accept the minutes of the 27th March 2018.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct. **None.**

5. FINANCE

- a) Approval of payments – dealt with earlier during the Outside Services meeting.
- b) Budget Monitoring – no updates.

6. FOR INFORMATION – To receive any updates (minutes) from the Murals Sub Committee.

Cllr Watson confirmed that there had been no meetings since the last period. The Chair requested that the latest set of minutes from the 'Mural Sub Committee' is sent to the Chair & Vice prior to the next F&GP meeting.

7. FOR DECISION – To receive the GDPR related policies and notices for adoption.

Since the April Full Council meeting Members have been given the opportunity to inspect the related policies and notices as prepared by Microshade.

Training for Councillors will be arranged with Paul Russell, and the Chair will also clarify the cost benefit analysis, so the position on charging is understood.

8. FOR DECISION – To receive the Mayfest Grant Application (circulated on the 24th April 2018).

Cllr Watson left the room for this item.

A lively discussion then followed.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed unanimously that Mayfest have sufficient funds to cover their expenditure this year, so a grant would not be awarded, but an application could be reconsidered in the future.

9. FOR INFORMATION – To receive an update on the CCTV contract.

10. FOR DECISION – To receive a recommendation from the Police to purchase a quality dome hawk eye camera.

Items 9 & 10 were discussed together.

The Chair went through the tender process and explained that Trelawney have been appointed to maintain our CCTV appliances.

In light of recent anti-social behaviour in the town the Police have recommended that a dome hawk eye camera be purchased, to target problem areas.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr D Smith seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed unanimously that in principle we could pledge £1,500 to support this initiative but any additional funding would need to be considered as part of the next round of Precept Setting.

11. FOR DECISION – To receive an update on the Carnival Meeting (1st May) and discuss their request for support (email circulated on the 24th April)

Cllr Coakley had attended the Carnival Meeting and gave a report on the plans and ideas for the carnival on the 8th September. Meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

A discussion then followed on the possible events in the hall.

This would be put as a standard agenda item, in order to get regular updates from the Carnival Committee.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair, Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk have recently met with our existing phone supplier to discuss VOIP and its implementation. Costings have been confirmed and we can continue within our existing budget. **Noted.**

The Chair reminded everyone that we need to all start thinking about the Precept Requirement, as it takes time to get ideas agreed and costings obtained.

Cllr Dowdall explained what savings he had achieved when reviewing his own business utilities. It was agreed that the Town Council supplies could be reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.