

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27th November 2018 at 6.30 pm

Minutes

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

1. APOLOGIES

CLLRS BURROWS, DOWDALL, LONG & WATSON

PRESENT: CLLRS COAKLEY, FOX, GOLD, D & M SMITH*, TAGG (CHAIR) & TOLMAN

***ARRIVED LATE**

OFFICER: CLERK

1 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

2. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Coakley and agreed unanimously to receive the minutes of the 23rd October 2018.

3. MATTERS ARISING

None.

4. DISCLOSURE 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.

Cllr Gold for item 5a in receipt of a payment.

5. FINANCE

a) Approval of payments

It was proposed by Cllr Coakley seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed (1 abstention, Cllr Gold) to approve the payments as listed, they were later ratified at Full Council:

FGP	DD	Three	Mobile phone	45.44	8.09	53.53
TH	11150	British Gas	Unit 11 PM	159.46		159.46
TH	11151	City B Group	Market Stall	707.50	141.50	849.00
FGP	11152	Bluemoon	Nov newsletter	463.00		463.00
FGP	11153	SeaDog IT	Dec/Jan news	145.00		145.00
OS	11154	CEF	Flagpole lights	7.61	1.52	9.13
OS	11155	Festive Lights	Xmas lights	38.32	7.66	45.99
FGP	11156	RBL	Wreath	25.00		25.00
TH	11157	Launderette	Table cloths	36.00		36.00
FGP	11158	Karen Gold	Xmas gifts	126.59	25.32	151.91
TH	11159	Evan Hatch	Piano Tuning	41.00		41.00
				1794.92	184.09	1979.02

b) **Budget Monitoring.** The Clerk took the Committee through the seven month budget monitoring and the predicted outturn for year end. **Noted.**

c) Budget Aspirations for 2019/2020

To agree the increase on the budget requirement for this committee (currently standing at £2,000), in preparing the overall precept rise for 2019/2020.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed to recommend an increase on the precept requirement for this committee of £2,000 and to proceed with the CCTV Aspirations 3 & 4 (as circulated by Cllr Tagg) which would be funded from current underspends. Cllr Tagg will be meeting the Police tomorrow to discuss ideas about cameras.

Cllrs D & M Smith arrived.

6. **FOR DECISION** – To discuss a replacement coat and repairs to regalia for the Town Crier.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr M Smith and agreed unanimously that the Town Council pledge £500 initially and further funding would be provided, if matched funding isn't successful (by 31st March 2019), up to £1,000 in total.

7. **FOR DECISION** - To discuss the outcome of the meeting with Murals Committee.

Cllr D Smith had met the Mr Lumley and Cllr Watson. The Murals Committee were not optimistic about saving the murals, or securing funding for the Pasty Factory mural in New Road. The Committee would prefer to seek funding for new murals.

A debate then followed on whether the Town Council could finance the mural project or not, considering the implications on the budget and precept.

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr Tagg seconded by Cllr Gold and agreed (1 Abstention, Cllr Coakley) to accept the recommendation from the Murals Committee that they are disbanded. That Cllr Burrows is asked whether she would be agreeable to form a group, to push the ideas forward to record the existing murals. And, to ask Cllr

Watson if he could secure grant funding specially for the Pasty Factory mural (in February 2019).

It was noted that in future consideration is given to putting new murals on boards (rather than directly on to walls) and that Trewartha's have expressed an interest in having a mural.

8. **FOR DECISION** – To discuss the costs for enhancing the CCTV provision and agree how this may progress.

Cllr Tagg gave an update on the mechanics and protocols for the enhanced CCTV. **Noted.**

9. **FOR DECISION** – To receive comments and feedback for the Remembrance Event, in order to feedback for future events. **Points raised included:**

- When lining up for the Parade by the Town Hall, could the children's groups be brought forward and follow straight after the Councillors.
- Could the wreath layers be assembled in one place in the square, giving them easier access to the memorial. And the names of the wreaths are read out simultaneously without a time gap, in order to speed up the process. (ie don't wait for the group to lay their wreath and walked away).
- Could a different layout be arranged in the main square, as those participating in the Parade had little room, given the large number of public in attendance.
- The 11am start was well supported by the public and community groups.
- Road Closures will be completed by Mike Tagg (in his capacity as British Legion)

Resolved. It was proposed by Cllr M Smith seconded by Cllr Tolman and agreed (1 abstention, Cllr Tagg) that the Town Council's involvement in this event continues in the same way in the future, as it has for years.

10. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS -None**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 7.25pm.