

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held on MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018 at 7.00pm in the GUILDHALL, BUTCHERS ROW, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Cllr S Upcott (Chairman)
Cllrs: Mrs V Monk, F Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs J Hunt (Mayor ex-officio), J Carter, Ms N Haywood, M Kennaugh, G Langford, Mrs L York, and J Williams.

Also present: W Austin (Town Clerk).

FG45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs V Elkins (indisposed), I Roome, Mrs J Wilsher and I Williams. Cllr Mrs S Haywood had been granted a leave of absence by Full Council, expiring on 25th March 2018.

FG46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED.

Cllrs Mrs J Hunt, as a member of North Devon District Council, has dispensation to discuss and vote on all items on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

Cllr Mrs L York declared a personal interest in agenda item 5 (Unofficial Mayoral Sashes) as the parent of a student at Pathfield School.

FG47 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(9, 2abs)

FG48 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The financial statements and budget monitoring reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

a) Budget Variance Report and Analysis of Budget Variances

Cllr Mrs Monk asked whether the Portcullis Suite at the Castle Centre was being marketed commercially. The Town Clerk advised that this was in hand.

Cllr Kennaugh asked whether the target for Environment Committee income would be met. The Town Clerk advised that this was in the main dependent on grant applications to the District and County Councils.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Variance Report be received and approved.
(NC)

b) Bank Transactions

Cllrs Windsor, Upcott, Mrs Hunt, Langford, Mrs Monk, Vernon, J Williams, Mrs York and Carter declared personal interests in transaction number 61230 (£55.00, ND Liberal Democrats) as members of the Liberal Democrat party).

RESOLVED: That the Bank Transactions report be received and approved.
(NC)

c) Direct Reserve Account and Petty Cash Account for Barum House

RESOLVED: That the Direct Reserve Account and petty cash account for Barum House be received and approved.
(NC)

d) Aged Debtors and Aged Creditors Analyses, and Nominal Balances

RESOLVED: That the Aged Debtors Analysis, Aged Creditors Analysis and Nominal Balances reports be received and approved.
(NC)

e) Direct Debit and Credit Card Reports

The Town Clerk advised that no credit card transactions were included with this report pending reconciliation of receipts. They would be reported at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Direct Debit and Credit Card Reports be received and approved.
(NC)

FG49 UNOFFICIAL MAYORAL SASHES

The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Hunt, introduced this item. She advised that during a visit to Silverhill Lodge, a day centre for people with learning disabilities, she had met a young man named Tom who had made his own unofficial Mayoral sash, and had appointed a secretary, bodyguard and Mayoress from among the staff at Silverhill. The Mayor recognised this as a way of promoting responsible and civic behaviour, and she had considered that it might be a positive act to celebrate the idea at the next Mayor Making ceremony. She had subsequently also considered the possibility of extending the same courtesy to Pathfield Special School, which had its own school council.

RESOLVED: That unofficial Mayoral sashes be presented to a service user at Silverhill Lodge and a student at Pathfield School, at the 2018 Mayor Making ceremony.
(NC)

FG50 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH DEVON

Councillors considered information circulated with the agenda in respect of a consultation by The Local Government Boundary Commission on North Devon District ward boundaries.

RESOLVED: That a cross-party working party be established to discuss changes to district ward boundaries proposed by the Local Government Boundary Commission; the working party being comprised of the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee, Cllr M Kennaugh, Cllr I Roome, and Cllr Ms N Haywood.

(NC)

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman.

Signed

Dated