

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 16th JULY 2018 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

Present: Councillor S Upcott (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs V Monk, Mrs V Elkins (From 7.02pm), B Vernon, A Windsor, Mrs S Haywood, I Roome (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt, J Carter, Ms N Haywood, M Kennaugh, G Langford and Mrs L York.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Deputy Town Clerk.

FG14 APOLOGIES

Apologies, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr J Phillips, Mrs J Wilsher, J Wilsher, J Williams and A Rennles.

FG15 DECLARATIONS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, I Roome and Mrs S Haywood as members of North Devon Council, declared a dispensation under SO65 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

FG16 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11th June 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

(10.3abs)

FG17 FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) RESOLVED: That the Budget Variance Report be received and noted.

(12.1abs)

Members were informed that a donation of £7,000 had been received by Mrs B towards the Get Barum Blooming Project.

RESOLVED: That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs B for her very generous donation.

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b) RESOLVED: That the Bank Transactions report be received and noted.

(12.1abs)

c) RESOLVED: That the Business Direct Reserve Account and petty cash account for Barum House be received and noted.

(12.1abs)

d) RESOLVED: That the Aged Debtors and Aged Creditors Analysis and Nominal Balances reports be received and noted.

(12.1abs)

e) RESOLVED: That the Direct Debits and Credit Card reports be received and noted.

(12.1abs)

FG18 MAYORAL ALLOWANCE

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Mayoral Allowance budget does not truly represent what is needed to fulfil the duties of the Mayor and suggested £500 be vired from contingency to the Mayoral Allowance budget. This allowance is used to represent the town and is not given to the Mayor, but used to purchase event tickets, etc.

Members agreed that the budget was needed to be increased in next year's budget.

RESOLVED: That £500 be vired from contingency to the Mayoral Allowance budget.

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FG19 BARUM BOWL

Members were informed that the Barum Bowl had suffered damage in the recent renovations of the Dodderidge Room, however, the item could be repaired without going through insurance.

RESOLVED: That the repair by a competent and qualified restorer is authorised.

FG20 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WORKING PARTY NOTES

Members were informed these were not available.

FG21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the following items be taken with the absence of the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as the items contain exempt information as defined by Standing Order 81.

(NC)

FG22 BARNSTAPLE GUILDHALL/TOWN COUNCIL PROPERTY

Members were given a verbal report by the Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk regarding the current situation with one of the Town Council's Property. The matter had now been closed with the Solicitors and it was

RESOLVED: That Webbers be instructed to start marketing immediately subject to the resolution submitted by Buildings Review.

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Meeting ended at 7.25pm

Chairman.

Signed

Dated