

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, HIGH STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 11th JUNE 2018 AT 8:20 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Cllr S. Hearn (Chairman)
Mrs O. Conway
M. Hicks (ex officio)
N. Hollinghurst
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins

Also present: Cllr J. Bowden
Cllr H. Grace
Cllr Mrs R. Ransley
Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Clerk

0 members of the public

19277. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Hearn (prior appointment).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reasons given.

19278. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Not to co-opt any members to the Committee.

19279. TO CONFIRM THE WORKING PARTIES/SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: To maintain the current structure of the Committee.

19280. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

19281. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes as presented and for the Chairman to sign them.

19282. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

None

19283. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

19284. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

19285. THE FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2017/2018

A report from the Clerk on the 2017/18 financial outcome was circulated prior to the meeting. He explained the various exceptional elements such as the Community Infrastructure Levy within the accounts and the underlying position when these items were taken out of consideration.

He explained the role of the allocation to earmarked reserves for repairs to Market House; that this, currently, was not for a specific project but the intention was to develop a long term maintenance schedule.

There was a discussion of the Council's investment in the CCLA's Public Sector Deposit Fund. It was noted that the new accounting treatment of the fund required by the external auditor made the reserve position more transparent. The Clerk was asked to investigate possible alternative investments.

RESOLVED: To note the financial outturn 2017/18.

19286. THE ANNUAL RETURN 2017/2018

A draft annual return for 2017/18 with supporting papers was circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk explained the changes to the format with the new external audit procedures. The internal auditor had completed and signed his section. The internal auditor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting – all the actions listed have been completed. The Clerk clarified the meaning of certain of the governance statements in Section 1 and explained the figures recorded in Section 2.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council (i) agreement with all the governance statements in Section 1 and (ii) approval of the accounting statements in Section 2.

19287. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant applications from the 1066 Club for the Blind and Partially Sighted to fund transport and outings and the High Street Baptist Church for a loneliness project were considered.

RESOLVED: To award (i) £250 to the 1066 Club for the Blind and Partially Sighted. This could be increased subject to further detail (ii) and £350 to the High Street Baptist Church.

19288. TO CONSIDER A DRAFT SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The draft circulated prior to the meeting was discussed. The Deputy Clerk was asked to give the Committee details of the procedures and code of conduct for staff, volunteers and Members to implement child protection and safeguarding practices when available.

RESOLVED: To adopt the policy as presented

The meeting ended at 9:19p.m.

Chairman