

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs P. J. Hearn (Chairman)  
Mrs O. Conway  
S. Hearn  
M.Hicks (ex officio)  
H. Grace  
C. Townsend  
G. Wilkins (ex officio)

**Also present:** Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Clerk

0 members of the public

**18496. APOLOGIES**

None received.

**18579. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following councillors declared interests in particular organisations and took no part in discussions specifically related to them when considering matters in item 18584:

Cllr Mrs P. Hearn – Tring Market Auctions, Tring Youth Project

Cllr S. Hearn - Tring Market Auctions, Tring Together

Cllr Mrs O. Conway - Tring Youth Project

**18580. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chairman

**18581. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Nothing to report

**18582. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**18583. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present

**18584. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2017/18**

Members reviewed the list of possible items of discretionary expenditure to add to the baseline budget circulated prior to the meeting. The following allocations were agreed:

- a. £1,910 to establish a Friends of Millennium Wood
- b. £1,100 to implement the recommendations of the tree audit
- c. £250 to improve the lamp post fixings of the hanging baskets
- d. £2,700 for a programme of work to Market House. This allocation to be incorporated annually as part of the baseline budget
- e. £1,040 for a social media campaign to promote tourism in Tring

- f. £5,070 to replace the fencing around the perimeter of Duckmore Lane grasskeep
- g. £1,500 additional support to Tring Youth Project and the Temperance Hall to promote usage of the Hall (This increase is just for 2017/18). *Councillors Mrs P. Hearn & Mrs Conway left the Chamber at 8:20pm whilst this item was discussed and Cllr Hicks took the Chair*
- h. £300 for a plaque explaining the historical significance of the drinking fountain in Mansion Vista
- i. £2,500 to provide professional services with regard to the possible development of the Council's land at Bulbourne
- j. £8,750, this financial year and next financial year, to convert the Market Place into a car park subject to planning permission
- k. £1,800 to upgrade the Council's website
- l. £500 for additional cleaning in the Town – this allocation to be incorporated into the baseline budget

In addition it was agreed to discontinue annual membership of Fields in Trust.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Council the budget resulting from the amendments above to the baseline budget as presented.

**18585. POLICY REVIEW**

The following draft policies circulated prior to the meeting were reviewed by Members

- Training Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Complaints Policy & Procedure

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the draft policies as circulated subject to the agreed minor modifications.

**18586. TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INTERIM REPORT**

The Clerk explained the actions arising from the internal auditor's inspection (the report circulated prior to the meeting) and his agreement with the recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** To note the report and the actions to be taken

The meeting ended at 9:06p.m.

Chairman