

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT 9:05 p.m.**

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

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

0 members of the public

**18496. APOLOGIES**

All members present

**18497. 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 18503:

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

**18498. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chairman

**18499. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Nothing to report

**18500. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

Cllr Mrs Hearn reminded Members of the Highways Locality meeting taking place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at the Civic Centre, Marlowes

**18501. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present

**18502. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The application for grant funding from the Justice & Peace Group was considered.

**RESOLVED:** To make a grant to the Justice & Peace Group (Tring) of £246 under the powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

**18503. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2017/18**

Members reviewed the paper circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Townsend asked what CIL funds were available (£1,138.95) and that details of CIL funds and Town Plan funds could be presented alongside the budgetary information. The Clerk explained that S.137 funding needed to be recorded separately even if that funding came from the Town Plan finances.

Members asked that the following be added to the list of items (circulated prior to the meeting) being considered for inclusion in the budget:

- Street cleaning be given a priority
- Additional support be given to Tring Youth Project & Temperance Hall (the need to promote the wider benefits of the Temperance Hall was acknowledged)
- A plaque giving an explanation of the drinking fountain in the wall at Mansion Vista

Costings for items on the list for consideration would be obtained prior to further review.

It was agreed to surrender the reserved car parking in the Forge car park and that any painting inside Market House be restricted to the hall and stairs. The Council's subscriptions were considered an area to review for possible savings.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Council a baseline budget including a 2% increase in the precept with a stated desire for a small surplus having reviewed the possible additional items of expenditure.

**18504. POLICY REVIEW**

The Deputy Clerk explained the review schedule which was agreed. Those policies presented to the meeting were approved with a three year period review subject to the deletion of the words "monitor and" in objective 1 of the environmental policy.

**18505. TOWN WARDEN'S HALF-YEARLY REPORT**

The Town Warden's half-yearly report, circulated prior to the meeting was accepted. The Chairman thanked the Town Warden and his assistant for the work they do for the Council.

**RESOLVED:** To increase the Town Warden's Assistant's contractual hours to incorporate the regular street cleaning duties

**18506. INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Information Officer's half-yearly report, circulated prior to the meeting was accepted. It was noted that the level of personal visits has been maintained.

The meeting ended at 10:00p.m.

Chairman