

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 6th JUNE 2016 AT 8:35 p.m.

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

Also present: Cllr G. Wilkins
Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Clerk

1 member of the public

18296. APOLOGIES

All members present

18297. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Hearn had a prejudicial interest in Item 18305(i) & (ii) as a director of Tring Together and took no part in that item.

18298. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Not to co-opt any members to the committee

18299. TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE WORKING PARTIES/SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Not to establish any Working Parties/Sub-committees

18300. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2016 were a true record and could be signed by the Chairman

18301. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report

18302. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Notice of the continuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme Parish Town Council Pool was received and noted.

18303. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing orders were suspended **by resolution** at 8:38pm

A representative of the High Street Baptist Church explained the background to their grant application in relation to the Friday Cafe: that it was non-religious; it ran at a loss; the clients were predominately elderly people, but also included those with learning difficulties; it was a separate initiative from dementia specific projects, but it was attended by those with dementia; and it was an important social event especially for single people.

Standing orders were resumed **by resolution** at 8:40pm

18304. THE ANNUAL RETURN 2015/2016

The Clerk explained the process leading to the completion of the Annual Return, outlined the reasons for any variation in the figures relative to last year, and reported the findings of the Internal Auditor's inspection and his approval of relevant section of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED: To recommend to Council acceptance of the Annual Return as presented and for Council to agree and approve Section 1 and to approve section 2

18305. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The applications received were considered.

RESOLVED: To make the following grants under the powers granted by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

- (i) To support the commemoration of the centenary of the start of the Battle of the Somme £300 (Tring Together)
- (ii) To support the commemoration of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration £500 (Tring Together)
- (iii) To support the Friday Café initiative of Tring High Street Baptist Church £1,352
- (iv) To Signpost to provide counselling services to young people in Tring £1,160

18306. NEW PAY AWARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS

The Clerk reported on the national pay agreement for 2016 -2018 covering the Council's staff.

RESOLVED: To note the new pay scales

18307. HONOURS BOARD FOR TRING YOUTH COUNCIL

One quotation was received from requests to provide a honours board similar to the existing. The price quoted did not include the lettering – prices for this will be obtained separately. A contribution from the Youth Council will be requested.

The meeting ended at 9:16 p.m.