

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE VICTORIA HALL, AKEMAN STREET, TRING ON MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2017 AT 8:45 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Mrs P. J. Hearn (Chairman)
Mrs O. Conway
H. Grace
S. Hearn
Mrs R. Ransley (sub for N. Hollinghurst)
C. Townsend
G. Wilkins (ex officio)

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

0 members of the public

18978. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor N. Hollinghurst (ill health)

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies for the reason given

18979. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Ransley and Mrs Conway expressed a prejudicial interest in item 18985 due to their involvement with Tring Beavers Swimming Club

18980. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JUNE 2017

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

18981. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing to report

18982. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

18983. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

18984. THE BUDGET & PRECEPT 2018/2019

Members considered the Clerks report circulated prior to the meeting and there was a discussion of items of discretionary expenditure.

RESOLVED: To recommend (i) to Council the draft baseline budget as presented with an associated 2% increase in the Band D rate (ii) a balanced budget with (iii) the following items of expenditure included in the budget:

Market Place Car Park Project	£8,000
Preparations for the GDPR	£1,500

Tring Tourism Itineraries	£2,000
Old School Yard repairs and drainage	£2,500
World War 1 commemoration	£1,000
Planning Expertise	£5,000

18985. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant applications were received from (i) Beavers Swimming Club & (ii) High Street Baptist Church (details circulated prior to the meeting)

Cllrs Mrs Ransley & Mrs Conway left the meeting whilst the application from Beavers Swimming Club was considered.

RESOLVED: To make a grant of £1,500 to Beavers Swimming Club towards the poolside hoist and £1,600 to High Street Baptist Church for the Friday Café (the latter funding split £295.78 Dementia-friendly Tring and £1,304.22 Tring Town Council).

18986. TO CONSIDER DRAFT POLICIES FOR:

(i) Treasury & Investment ii) Reserves iii) Protocol for recording and filming of Council and Committee Meetings (iv) Risk assessments (a) General office work (b) Mowing/strimming (c) Litter picking

Members considered the drafts and the following amendments were agreed:

(i) Treasury & Investment:

- Para 1.3 Include reference to the regulation
- Para 2.1 Include reference to the regulation
- Para 5.4 “Responsible Finance Officer”
- Para Appendix A “Responsible Finance Officer”

(ii) Reserves:

- Para 1.4 Include reference to the regulation
- Para 2.1 “Responsible Finance Officer” instead of “Chief Financial Officer”
- Para 2.2 Add “Some guidance is possible e.g. from NALC and SLCC”
- Para 4.1 Delete phrase “medium term financial strategy”
- Para 6.4 End sentence after precept
- Add a section on CIL

RESOLVED: To present the drafts to Council with the agreed amendments

18987. TOWN WARDEN’S HALF-YEARLY REPORT

RESOLVED: To thank the Warden & his Assistant for their work and to note the report

18988. INFORMATION OFFICER’S REPORT

RESOLVED: To thank the Information Office staff for their work and to note the report

The meeting ended at 9:49p.m.

Chairman