

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 18th October 2016
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs P Broome (substitute for R Savage)
I Flatt (from 7.15pm)
A Holden
K Hurn (Chairman)
J Hornby

Also Present 1 member (s) of the public
Cllr. Longhurst.

- F31/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr. Savage
- F32/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr. Hurn declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (grant application – Slow Theatre Company) – as his daughter was a member of the group.
- F33/16 MINUTES OF MEETING It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 24th May 2016 as a correct record.
- F34/16 PROGRESS UPDATES None.
- F35/16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Cllr. Hurn gave a resume of the work undertaken by the Slow Theatre Company for Councillors information.
R Tudor representing Wymondham Tennis Club gave an outline of the clubs concerns over the cost of light tokens and the potential detrimental effect this will have on the club as courts at Hingham are cheaper and there is an indoor facility at Easton College.
- F36/16 EXTERNAL AUDIT y.e. 31.3.16 Clerk presented certificate signed off by external auditors Mazars LLP which was noted.
- F37/16 GRANT APPLICATION received from Slow Theatre Company for the sum of £500 to assist in the production costs of ‘I’m here’ a piece of work being performed in conjunction with the Wymondham Pabulum Cafe to highlight the world of carers of people living with dementia. Upon the proposition of Cllr. Broome and seconded by Cllr. Flatt it was unanimously agreed to award a grant of £500. (Cllr. Hurn left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote)
- F38/16 GRANT APPLICATION FORM Clerk presented revised grant application form. After discussion it was agreed that tis would be adopted with the proviso that any bank statements supplied by applicants would be considered by the Clerk & F&G Committee Chair and would be available for viewing by any committee member.

F39/16 DRAFT INTERNAL INTERIM ACCOUNTS TO 30.9.16

Clerk gave an outline of the financial position of the Council as at 30th September 2016 as shown by the 'Draft Internal' accounts that had been prepared. Income is in surplus against budget by £7159 with expenditure below budget by £10203 Clerk then outlined some of the significant variances gave explanations and answered questions raised.

F40/16 RENT INCREASE – COUNCIL OFFICES

Clerk advised that rent review on 14 Middleton Street was due on 30 September 2015 and that Officers from South Norfolk Council had visited the premises on 28th October 2015. A letter had now been received from South Norfolk advising that they were seeking a rent of £30,000 pa from 30th September 2015 for a 3 year period until the next review in 2018. After negotiation they had now offered a revised rent as follows of £28,500 for 2015/16, £29500 for 2016/17 & £29500 for 2017/18 an overall reduction of £2,500 for the 3 year period. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to the rent increase as negotiated.

F41/16 TENNIS FLOODLIGHT FEES

Cllr. Hurn read out a resume of how the token fee had been increase from £2.00 to £3.45 with effect from April 2016 being a 72% increase and the tennis club had raised concerns. After discussion Cllr. Hurn seconded by Cllr. J Hornby proposed that the fee was reduced to £2.45 per token. This was unanimously approved.

[The meeting closed at 19.49 pm]

DATED this day of2016

SIGNED (Chairman)