

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 25TH SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blackburn (in the Chair)  
P. Allen  
H. Bennett-Watson  
D. Cole  
K. Dooley  
J. Kimberley  
S. McLaughlin  
F.A. Nash  
L. Sorrell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Hinsley (holiday), C. McLaughlin (illness) and F.V. Nash (political conference) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 31st July 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE INFORMATION SENT TO MEMBERS REGARDING INCOME FROM HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE AND RUNNING COSTS OF THE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he had circulated a report to all members regarding the above. There were no questions asked by members and no further action was required as a result.

5. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: FUND BALANCES/RESERVES

The Clerk submitted a report outlining the Council's existing fund balances and reserves and making recommendations to consolidate the balances and maintain reserves which should ensure that the Council does not raise its precept until 2021. The proposals also allow the sum of £54,000 to be set aside for additional spending commitments and the Clerk briefly outlined some ideas which would form the basis of a report to the next meeting and these ideas were debated briefly.

RESOLVED that the Council:-

- a) Transfer the remaining balance from the Car Park Re-surfacing Fund (£2,000) into the General Reserve
- b) Transfer a further £21,000 from the General Fund surplus into the General Reserve.

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2017

Members were asked to consider whether it wished to stage a charity dance in 2018 and if so to consider the draft arrangements for staging the event. Members were reminded that arrangements for all of the Council's events must be approved by the Council or responsibility must be delegated to either a committee or an officer of the Council. Decisions cannot be delegated to individual councillors. All arrangements and correspondence with performers, caterers etc should also be undertaken by the Clerk.

- RESOLVED i) that a Chairman's Dance be held in 2018 and the arrangements for the event as set out in Appendix A be approved.  
ii) that further consideration be given to the provision of catering at the event and potentially reducing the cost

7. PROVISION OF ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2017

The Clerk submitted a report setting out the legal framework for deciding and engaging the provider(s) of entertainment at the Chairman's Charity Dance 2018

- RESOLVED that the Clerk engage Derek James to provide the entertainment again at the 2018 Chairman's Charity Dance

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Chairman's Charity Dance 2018**

Date TBC.

Nominated charity: TBC

Ticket price £6.00

Invitations to be extended to Castle Bromwich, Chelmsley Wood, Kingshurst and Smith's Wood Councils in accordance with usual protocol.

Maximum number of invited guests 4 (plus those listed above)

Members of the Council will be expected to pay for their own tickets.

Provide entertainment with a budget of: £300 (advise entertainers that all guests must be paid for)

Hold a raffle, selling tickets at a price of 20 pence per ticket.

Produce a banner advertising the event to be displayed on the perimeter fence at the Fordbridge Centre.

Provide table decorations with a budget of: £50

No children under the age of 16 to be allowed. No reduction in ticket price.