

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 2017

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

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Kimberley was received and noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM MEMBERS AND OTHER  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 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 14th  
November 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a  
correct record of the proceedings

4. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: INCOME FROM HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE  
CENTRE

The Clerk submitted a report, for members' information, detailing income from hire of the Fordbridge Centre in the current financial year, and also the two previous financial years. The detailed information is set out in Appendix A.

5. DRAFT EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE 2017/2018 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk submitted the draft expenditure budget for the 2017/18 financial year and responded to questions by members regarding the budget. It is proposed that the total expenditure budget for the forthcoming year is £98,000

RESOLVED that the draft expenditure budget for the 2017/2018 financial year be  
approved

(Councillor F.A. Nash asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes that he abstained from voting on this matter)

6. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL HIRE AGREEMENT FOR ST. LEONARD'S DAY CENTRE

The Clerk submitted a report outlining a proposal to allow St. Leonard's Day Centre exclusive use of the full meeting room each Wednesday to Friday (0900-1700). He outlined the minor alterations that would be required to facilitate the Centre and the impact on the building and existing users. He advised that the proposal would provide a regular income from an under used section of the Centre and would assist the financial situation of the Day Centre.

RESOLVED that the proposal outlined by the Clerk in his report be approved and  
St. Leonard's Day Centre allowed use of the full meeting room as  
described above at a cost of £2,000 per annum with effect from 1st  
April 2017

7. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS BY SOLIHULL M.B.C. REGARDING THE PARISH BASIC ALLOWANCE

The Clerk submitted correspondence from Solihull M.B.C detailing the recommended maximum Parish Basic Allowance as expressed as a percentage of the Basic Allowance for the Members of the principal authority as required by the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003

RESOLVED that the recommended maximum Parish Basic Allowance of £880 per annum be adopted with effect from 1st April 2017

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Income from hire of the Fordbridge Centre**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
	£	£	£	
April	1,309.00	2,236.00	2,198.00	1,665.00
May	1,710.00	1,165.00	1,386.00	3,330.00
June	1,468.00	1,433.00	2,312.00	5,000.00
July	2,298.00	2,070.00	1,525.00	6,665.00
August	954.00	1,253.00	1,481.00	8,330.00
September	2,099.00	1,458.00	954.00	10,000.00
October	1,459.00	1,892.00	1,653.00	11,665.00
November	<u>1,115.00</u>	<u>1,626.00</u>	<u>1,914.00</u>	13,330.00
	<i>12,412.00</i>	<i>13,133.00</i>	<i>13,423.00</i>	
December	856.00	788.00		15,000.00
January	1,719.00	1,399.00		16,665.00
February	1,383.00	2,223.00		18,330.00
March	<u>1,508.00</u>	<u>1,542.00</u>		20,000.00
	<i>17,878.00</i>	<i>19,085.00</i>		