

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillor P. Allen
H. Bennett-Watson
D. Cole
D. Hinsley
J. Kimberley
F.A. Nash
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor L. Sorrell was appointed as Chairman for the meeting

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Blackburn, Dooley (illness), C. McLaughlin (hospital following stroke) and S. McLaughlin 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 25th September 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017: EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that the Council's external auditors had completed the audit for the financial year ended 31st March 2017 and he submitted their report giving an unqualified opinion for the relevant year.

RESOLVED that the auditor's report be received and accepted

5. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: BUDGET MONITORING TO 30.9.2017

The Clerk submitted a report detailing a comparison between budget allocation and actual income and expenditure for the period ended 30th September 2017. He reported that there were no significant variations to the approved budget at this stage.

RESOLVED that the details of the comparison between actual income and expenditure and the budget allocation for the period ended 30th September 2017 be noted and approved.

6. REVIEW OF HIRE CHARGES AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk submitted details of the current hire charges at the Fordbridge Centre and members were invited to consider any amendments.

RESOLVED i) that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

ii) that the Clerk provide details of the current regular hirers and the charges applied for each group

7. REVIEW OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF CHARGES FOR REGULAR HIRERS OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk provided details of the special arrangements agreed by the Council in respect of charges for specific regular hirers of the Fordbridge Centre

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8. CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO CHARGES FOR REGULAR HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE BY SOLIHULL VISUALLY IMPAIRED GROUP

The Clerk invited members to consider a special arrangement for charges relating to hire of the Fordbridge Centre by the above group and explained the background to the proposal.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

9. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BY THE WELLBEING COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Clerk submitted a request by the Wellbeing Community Choir for financial support to offset its running costs

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

10. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: BAR SPACE: RELOCATION/IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk submitted a report outlining concerns regarding the size of the bar space and the possible impact on use of the Fordbridge Centre for private functions. The report advised that integrating the bar and kitchen may allow better use of the space.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain estimates for both upgrading the kitchen only and also integrating the kitchen and bar space as described by the Clerk

11. PROVISION OF CATERING AT THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY DANCE 2018

The Clerk submitted a proposal to allow the buffet for the Chairman's Charity Dance in 2018 to be prepared by the Council's regular provider and also to manage the costs involved

RESOLVED i) that the buffet for the 2018 Chairman's Charity Dance be provided by The Buffet Shop
ii) that the following conditions apply:-
Sales of up to 110, cater for 80 people, Sales of 110-120, cater for 85 people, Sales of 120+, cater for 90 people

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN