

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2019

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

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor C. McLaughlin (recovering following stroke), was 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 12th November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. DRAFT EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk submitted the draft expenditure budget for the 2019/20 financial year and responded to questions by members regarding the budget. He advised members that additional provision had been included as a result of the forthcoming election in respect of the potential actual costs arising from the election and the possible increase in the amount of Parish Basic Allowance. It is proposed that the total expenditure budget for the forthcoming year is £99,000

RESOLVED that the draft expenditure budget for the 2019/2020 financial year be approved

5. CHAIRMAN' CHARITY DANCE 2019: PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk confirmed that a sum of £200.00 had been received from Birmingham International Airport and a commitment had been made by TC Cars to donate half of the cost of the buffet up to a maximum of £200.00. He reported that obtaining raffle prizes for a potential prize draw had been more difficult.

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

6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY AGE UK SOLIHULL

The Clerk submitted an application for financial assistance by Age UK Solihull and detailed supporting documentation. He drew members' attention to the fact that the application was to assist with funding the organisation's "Winter Warmth" campaign which was funded separately

RESOLVED that the Council does not support the application on the grounds that the responsibility should not rest with local councils but a higher tier of local government

7. CONSIDERATION OF INSTALLATION OF AN IMPROVED BROADBAND SERVICE AND WI-FI FOR THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that he was still in negotiation with XLN Telecom and had been awaiting further contact which had not been forthcoming. He advised that he wished to persevere to try and obtain the public Wi-Fi access.

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

8. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Single Storey Rear Extension, 5 Glovers Croft

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

Change Of Use Of Part Of Ground Floor, From Office To Form 1 Flat, Part Of Ground Floor Linacre House Heathmere Drive

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The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN