

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2016

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Dooley and Kimberley were received and noted.

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 16th  
November 2015 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. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR THE 2016/2017  
FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk submitted the draft expenditure budget for the 2016/17 financial year and responded to questions by members regarding the budget. It is proposed that the total expenditure budget for the forthcoming year is £95,000

RESOLVED that the draft expenditure budget for the 2016/2017 financial year be  
approved

6. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSED EVENING FUNCTIONS AND BAR PROVISION AT THE  
FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk submitted a report urging members to give serious consideration to ending the provision of licensed evening functions at the Fordbridge Centre and outlining the reasons for his report. He also asked members to consider the third party relationship with the providers of the bar.

RESOLVED i) that the Council continue with licensed evening functions at the  
Fordbridge Centre  
ii) that the Council re-launch its Facebook page to try and promote  
the building.  
iii) that consideration of bar provision at the Centre be deferred to  
the next meeting

7. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT POLICY, USE OF RESERVES AND SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN REPAYMENT

The Clerk provided members with background information regarding the amount outstanding on the Council's loan and potential sums that will be available in reserve at the end of the financial year and during the next financial year.

- RESOLVED
- i) that the Clerk obtain information from the Public Works Loan Board regarding penalties for early redemption of its loan
  - ii) that the Clerk obtain investment rates from the Public Sector Deposit Fund, Unity Trust Bank and ideally another bank
  - iii) that consideration of the Council's investment policy be deferred to the next meeting of the Council to allow a full and final decision to be made.

8. THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE: GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Clerk reported that the grounds maintenance contract at the Fordbridge Centre was due for renewal at the end of the current financial year. He recommended that the contract be extended for a further three years and an annual percentage increase to the value of the contract be included.

- RESOLVED that the contract be extended by a further twelve months with a 3% increase and the contract then be formally re-tendered later in the calendar year

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

**Income from hire of the Fordbridge Centre**

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	
	£	£	£	
April	2,361.00	1,309.00	2,236.00	1,665.00
May	1,738.00	1,710.00	1,165.00	3,330.00
June	2,039.00	1,468.00	1,433.00	5,000.00
July	1,905.00	2,298.00	2,070.00	6,665.00
August	1,616.00	954.00	1,253.00	8,330.00
September	1,383.00	2,099.00	1,458.00	10,000.00
October	1,725.00	1,459.00	1,892.00	11,665.00
November	2,363.00	1,115.00	1,626.00	13,330.00
December	<u>1,788.00</u>	<u>856.00</u>	<u>788.00</u>	15,000.00
	<i>16,918.00</i>	<i>13,268.00</i>	<i>13,921.00</i>	
January	2,077.00	1,719.00		16,665.00
February	1,343.00	1,383.00		18,330.00
March	<u>2,278.00</u>	<u>1,508.00</u>		20,000.00
	22,616.00	17,878.00		