

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Tuesday 30th October 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall Council, Fordingbridge

Present:

Cllr Adams – Chairman
Cllrs Connolly, Lewendon, Hale, Paton, Perkins & (G) Wilson

In attendance:

Ms K Mason, Town Clerk
Martine Coatham, Finance Officer.

1. To accept apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anstey, Fulford, Price, Shering & (A) Wilson

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Adams declared an interest in agenda item 5, Payments of accounts.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2012 and report on any matters arising

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2012 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

There were no matters arising.

Cllr Perkins entered the meeting.

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No members of the public present.

5. To receive details of Monies Collected and Payment of Accounts

It was proposed by Cllr Adams and seconded by Cllr Connolly that the monies collected and accounts be approved and paid. All in favour, Carried.

6. To receive any Finance & Policy Matters referred from sub-committees

Amenities Committee – Tree Maintenance programme budget. The Clerk advised that this would be discussed at the Amenities budget meeting on 20th November.

7. To consider the following grant applications

Life Education Wessex – Cllr Connolly will discuss the proposal with the head teachers of the Infants and Junior Schools and report back to the Committee.

Youth@Avonway, Avonway Community Association – the Clerk read out an email of support for the grant from Cllr (A) Wilson. Members concurred that the work particularly of the Friday Night project (youth club) provided a very valuable service to the youth (8 – 18 years) of Fordingbridge and was a follow on from the Wednesday Night Club which catered for younger children.

Cllr Connolly proposed and Cllr (G) Wilson seconded that a grant of £500 be awarded to the Youth@Avonway project.

Cllr Perkins made a counter proposal that a grant of £300 be awarded. This was not seconded. There were no further counter proposals.

The original proposal was put to the vote and was supported, all members in favour, Carried.

8. To discuss Recreation Ground Hire charge policy.

Recreation Ground charges for single events – members AGREED that this matter would be deferred until after the Amenities Committee meeting in November.

9. To note any items of Correspondence

A thank-you note was received from the Fordingbridge Stroke Club for their grant.

10. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business

Late Night Shopping event, 07.12.12 – Cllr (G) Wilson explained that she was leading the arrangements for the Late Night Shopping event this year. She had raised a total of £500 in donations from local businesses to go towards the expenses incurred by the Town Council in helping to stage the event and there were more donations pledged.

Cllr Connolly thanked Cllr (G) Wilson for her hard work.

11. To note the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 30th October 2012

The meeting then went into closed session and the public and press were excluded.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.