

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held on
Wednesday 29th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall
(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present:

Cllr D Price – Chairing meeting
Cllrs Fulford, Hale, (A) Wilson, (G) Wilson, Earth & Paton

In Attendance:

Mrs H Richards – Town Clerk
Mrs M Coatham – Finance Officer

1. To receive Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Connolly, Adams and Anstey.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest made.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2015 and report on any matters arising.

Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Earth and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting of the 25th March 2015 be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Marl Lane/Puddleslosh Lane – Cllr Fulford reported that the 2 Planning Appeals at Sequoia Farm had been allowed for the temporary siting of a Mobile Home for 3 years and retention of the Quail House.

Minute No. 9 – Paddling Pool repairs – The Finance Officer reported that several contractors had been approached seeking quotes for the repair works, however to date no quotes have been received. One contractor has indicated that he could carry out the works within the next month; however no quote has yet been received. The Finance Officer advised that it may not be possible to open the pool for the late May Bank Holiday. Following discussion, members requested that the potential for grant funding be investigated to replace the paddling pool (grant not available for repairs).

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

The Finance Officer summarised the financial activity for April during which period there had been no unexpected or notable items.

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

No matters referred.

7. To conduct an annual review of the Section 137 Grant Application Policy.

Members reviewed the Policy and in order to clarify item 1 of the criteria for consideration of grants, AGREED the following amendment:

- Capital cost of new or improved facilities or equipment (*not including routine maintenance*)

8. To consider the following Grant Applications

- Fordingbridge Carer Hub

Following consideration of this application, Members requested that the applicant is invited to change the wording of the application to clarify the use of any funds awarded. Town Clerk to contact applicant.

9. To conduct the annual review of the following policies:

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Complaints Procedure
- Freedom of Information Publication Scheme
- Data Protection Policy
- Press & Media Policy
- Recording & Use of Social Media at Council Meetings

Following discussion and to take account of changes to procedures for Members declarations of interest, Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Paton and therefore **RESOLVED**: that the review of the Standing Orders and Agenda Item 11 – Review of Code of Conduct for Councillors, be DEFERRED until the May meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee. All other policies reviewed were agreed with no amendment.

10. To conduct the annual review of the Terms of Reference of the following Committees.

- Amenities
- Finance & Policy
- General Purposes
- Planning
- Staff & Remuneration

Members AGREED that further discussion is required on this item and the item should be DEFERRED until the May meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

11. To review the Code of Conduct for Councillors

See resolution under Minute No. 9.

12. To note any items of Correspondence

No items of correspondence received.

13. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant business
Nothing to report by the Clerk and no other business raised.

14. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 27th May 2015

The meeting closed at 8.30pm