

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)

Present: Cllr Adams – Chair
Cllrs Earth, Goldsmith, Hale, Lewendon & Wilson.

In attendance: Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anstey, Jackson, Mouland and Perkins

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To consider quotes for drawings of a reduced scheme at the Town Hall

Cllrs considered two quotes to produce drawings for a reduced scheme at the Town Hall: Fields of Architecture for £1,150 and Sheerin Bettle who estimated an allowance of 20 hours at their current hourly rate of £95 per hour plus VAT (an allowance of £1,900 plus VAT). Following discussion Cllr Hale proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Goldsmith and therefore **RESOLVED:** to proceed with the quote of Fields of Architecture to provide drawings for a reduced scheme at the Town Hall. All in favour.

4. To consider continuing with the current application for the redesign of the interior of the Town Hall

Sheerin Bettle strongly recommended that the Town Council continue with the current application given the costs expended so far, in addition to the stronger position that would put the Town Council in, should the current application be approved. They are not anticipating that there will be any further costs to be expended by them. The information has been prepared and issued to the Local Authority. There may be some further correspondence with the planning consultant however we are largely happy to deal with this as necessary. There may be some further costs incurred by the planning consultant, particularly if it is necessary for him to attend the planning committee. The principal fee to the planning consultant of £540 plus VAT. Additional work would be charged at £135 per hour plus VAT. Following discussion Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Hale and therefore **RESOLVED:** to proceed with the application and review again if there was likely to be significant additional costs. Five in favour and one abstention.

5. To consider the future of the old toilet block at the Recreation Ground

Following a meeting with Fields of Architecture, the Council was awaiting scaled back drawings in relation to the old toilet block, which would then be sent to the Town Council's buildings manager for comments and costings. Cllrs discussed the old toilet block and would review the situation at the next Finance & Policy committee meeting when it was hoped more information would be available.

6. To note any items of correspondence

No correspondence.

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

Nothing to report.

8. To note the date of the next meeting as 27th April 2022

The meeting ended at 7.08 pm.