

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE GUEST HALL AT THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS
28TH FEBRUARY 2017

Present: Cllr B Chapman (Chairman) Cllr D Giles (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr B Banks Cllr Cooper-Marsh
Cllr G Thorpe Cllr J Corley

Also present: Ed Reilly (Town Clerk), Sharon Coe (Minutes)

Public Participation

4 Members of the public were present.

49. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr's Bober and Harrison.

50. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

51. Minutes of 24th January 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Thorpe to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2017 to be a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Corley.

RESOLVED: 5 votes for and 1 abstention to accept the proposal.

52. Grant Aid Applications

Application No: 24 St Mary's Church Eynesbury Requesting £2000.00

Two representatives were present and gave a small presentation with regards to their application and answered questions from the Councillors.

Cllr Giles proposed St Neots Town Council would fund the disability ramp of £1867.00 and that it is advertised that St Neots Town Council funded this.

Cllr Chapman asked Cllr Giles would he accept an amendment to his proposal to £2000.00 as we are conscious of preserving the historical buildings in St Neots.

Cllr Giles agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Thorpe.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

Application No: 25 Open Door Church Requesting £1300 cost of the Christmas Wonderland Event

Three representatives were present and gave a small presentation with regards to their application and answered questions from the Councillors.

Cllr Banks proposed to award £500.00.

Cllr Thorpe asked Cllr Banks would he accept an amendment to his proposal to £752.00 to cover the cost of hiring the Priory Centre for this event.

Cllr Banks agreed to the amendment. This was seconded by Cllr Thorpe.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

Application No: 26 St Neots Medical Loan Centre – British Red Cross

No Representative was present.

The Committee discussed and debated.

Cllr Chapman proposed that the Red Cross be invited to the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Cooper-Marsh.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

53. Payments for December 2016

This was noted by the Committee.

54. St Neots Town Council Standing Orders – For Review

Town Clerk brought to the attention of the Committee stating that they have been based on the model documents issued by NALC and there are no changes. He informed the Committee that they were simply reviewing, and if they wanted to make any amendments it would need to be put to Full Council.

Chapman proposed that the Standing Orders be re-issued. This was 2nd by Cllr Thorpe.

RESOLVED: unanimously to accept the proposal.

55. St Neots Town Council Media Policy – For Approval

Town Clerk stated that currently St Neots Town Council do not have a policy and there have been recent events where this has not been adhered to. He highlighted that this policy will advise Councillor's what they should do if they are approached by the press.

The Committee debated the policy.

Cllr Chapman proposed to defer this item until the Committee have a better understanding. This was seconded by Cllr Corley.

RESOLVED: 5 votes for and 1 abstention to accept the proposal.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm.

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CHAIRMAN