

Finance and General Purposes Committee
Monday 24th September 2018 at 7.30pm
Didcot Civic Hall



Minutes

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a true and correct record by the next meeting of this Committee.

Present:

Councillors:

Miss J Billington (Chairman)
Mr A Dearlove
Mr D Healy

Mr M Khan
Ms P Siggers
Mr A Thompson (substituting)

Officer:

Ms J Perrin, Support Officer

247. Apologies

Cllr Mr A Dearlove tendered his apologies. Cllr Mr A Thompson substituting.

248. Declarations of interests

None.

249. Minutes of the meeting held 20th August 2018

Proposed by Cllr Billington, seconded by Cllr Healy it was

RESOLVED to agree, as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 20th August 2018 and to sign them as such.

250. Questions on the minutes as to the progress of any item

None.

251. Grant aid applications

The Committee considered one grant aid application:

- a) Thames Valley Suicide Awareness Training
Application amount £150

To fund the delivery of accredited suicide awareness training to individuals and groups working with young people.

Members welcomed the initiative from Thames Valley Police.

Proposed by Cllr Healy, seconded by Cllr Siggers it was

RESOLVED to make a grant award of £150.

252. Grant aid reports

Grant aid reports provided by Homestart First Babies Group and Revitalise were **NOTED**.

253. Financial statements and budgets as at 31st August 2018

The Committee considered and **NOTED** the financial statements and budgets as at 31st August 2018 along with a bank reconciliation report.

254. Internal Audit Action Plan

Members considered a report and updated action plan to monitor progress on recommendations arising from the 2017/18 Interim and final Internal Audit.

The report and action plan update were **NOTED**.

255. Town Fayre Working Group Report

The Committee considered the success and popularity of the Town Fayre as an annual summer event. Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Siggers it was

RESOLVED to facilitate a 2019 event with a provisional date of 3rd August.

The 2018 event was to return the sum of £4,026.68 to the Town Council, in addition a budget of £5,000 was available in the current year. Proposed by Cllr Siggers, seconded by Cllr Billington it was

RESOLVED to make a grant of £9,000 available on the basis that any funds remaining be returned to the Town Council and ring fenced for future Town Fayre events.

Proposed by Cllr Khan, seconded by Cllr Billington it was

RESOLVED to publicise the availability of the grant so that local organisations were able to apply via the grant aid application form for consideration by the Finance and General Purposes Committee at the meeting to be held 22nd October 2018.

256. Willowbrook Vacant Space

The Committee considered the need for a further meeting of the Willowbrook vacant space working group in light of further information received from TRAIN.

Proposed by Cllr Billington, seconded by Cllr Siggers it was

RESOLVED that a further meeting of the working group would be arranged. The working group were asked to consider the additional information received and make a recommendation to the next meeting of the Committee.

257. Free Christmas Parking

The Committee considered a request from the contractor operating car parks on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council. The contractor asked for nominations for which day of the week free parking be offered within their Didcot car park during December, in the lead up to Christmas Day.

Proposed by Cllr Billington, seconded by Cllr Siggers it was

RESOLVED that Monday would be suggested as the day free parking should be offered within the South Oxfordshire District Council car park during December.

258. Speed Survey Equipment

The Committee considered a report which asked the Committee to decide how best to support residents to identify speeding problem areas and to reduce speeding in those areas. The report arose from a recommendation of the Planning Committee in considering the work of the Traffic Advisory Group. Proposed by Cllr Billington, seconded by Cllr Healy it was

RESOLVED – to approve a trial of semi-portable speed measuring devices hired and in situ for the period of a week in any one location. Officers were requested to seek a more favourable hire rate for a series of hire periods. The Traffic Advisory Group were requested to identify four or five locations for the trial. It was noted that two locations had already been identified (two sections of Hagbourne Road).

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed _____ Chairman Date _____