

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Management and Finance Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7:03pm

Present: Councillor Paul Key (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Matthew Boles (ex-officio)
Councillor Harry Clarke
Councillor Michael Hopper
Councillor Sally Loates (ex-officio)
Councillor Steven Ward

In Attendance:

Matthew Gleadell Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones Deputy Clerk to the Council
Sean Alcock Operations Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Richard Craig
Councillor David Dobbie

RESOLVED to accept the apologies received and reasons given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations made.

3. MINUTES (Paper A)

i. Minutes of the meeting of Management and Finance Committee held Tuesday 21 November 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Note: Councillors Boles and Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017

i. Unpaid Expenditure Transactions for 13 December 2017 (Paper B)

Members considered at length Paper B & Paper B Revised.

RESOLVED that Members accept the transactions in Paper B Revised - Unpaid Expenditure Transactions for 19 December 2017.

- ii. Cashbook Summary (including due and unpaid transactions) for 13 December 2017 (Paper C)

Members considered Paper C & Paper C Revised.

RESOLVED that Members note Paper C Revised - Cashbook Summary (including due and unpaid transactions) for 19 December 2017.

Note: Councillor Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

- iii. Budget Comparison Report (including due and unpaid transactions) for 13 December 2017 (Paper D)

Councillor Ward suggested including a period budget and executive summary for Members. The RFO would look into providing this.

RESOLVED that Members note Paper D Budget Comparison Report (including due and unpaid transactions) for 13 December 2017.

Note: Councillor Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

5. MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION SIGN OFF FOR NOVEMBER (Papers E)

RESOLVED to accept and sign off the Bank Reconciliation for 30 November 2017.

Note: Councillor Ward abstained from voting on the above resolution.

6. 2018/2019 BUDGET (Paper F)

Members considered budget and precept level for 2018/19.

Councillor Hopper raised concerns about the absence of funding for Football Development work and Play Areas. These issues were duly debated and considered.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL to accept the proposed 2018/2019 budget.

Note: Councillor Hopper voted against the above resolution.

7. WATER LEAK (Paper G)

Members noted and considered the report provided. Concern was raised about the future viability of the whole water system.

RESOLVED to seek quotes to deal with immediate works necessary but also investigate cost of renewing the system in the future.

8. TRAINING COSTS

RESOLVED under Standing Order 14n to exclude Public and Press for this item.

Following consideration of the facts members felt that it would be inappropriate in this instance to seek repayment of the costs.

RESOLVED that the employee that has resigned will not be asked to repay training costs incurred within the last 12 months.

RESOLVED to allow Public and Press back into the meeting.

9. COMPLAINTS

It was noted that this would be standing agenda item to allow for reports of any complaint matters the Clerk has dealt with and a prompt to deal with any received by members.

10. MOD.GOV (Paper H)

Members considered the cost of the software and agreed that it is beyond the financial reach of the Council at £9,000 to acquire and £7,000 per annum but would request further investigation of other options.

RESOLVED not to investigate mod.gov any further but consider other options.

11. FOXBY HILL ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE

Debate took place over the level of management fee for the site for the next financial year. A proposal to taper the funding down over 3 years was made by some members but did not gain sufficient support.

RESOLVED that the allotment management fee be reduced to £0.00 for the 2018/2019 financial year.

Note: Councillors Boles Hopper voted against the above resolution.

Meeting closed at 9.11pm