

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Management and Finance Committee held at Richmond House, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 8 January 2013 at 7:03pm

Present: Councillor Paul Key (Chairman)

Councillor Norman Dinsdale
Councillor David Dobbie
Councillor Vaughan Hughes

In Attendance:

Sue Harrison Acting Clerk to the Council
Rachel Allbones Assistant Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor David Manning

RESOLVED to accept the reason given for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hughes declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 as depending on the Councils decision he may be entitled to a financial payment.

3. MINUTES

i. Meeting of Management and Finance Committee Tuesday 11 December 2012

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Dobbie, seconded by Councillor Hughes that the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

ii. Extraordinary Meeting of Management and Finance Committee Wednesday 19 December 2012

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Dobbie that the minutes of the Extraordinary Management and Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 19 December 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2012 (Papers A (revised), B & C)

Members considered and debated at length Papers A (revised), a copy of which was circulated at the meeting, B, and C regarding Unpaid Expenditure Transactions for 8 January 2013, Cashbook Summary (including due and unpaid transactions) for 31 December 2012, and Budget Comparison Report for 31 December 2012.

Members requested that the Acting Clerk make contact with Clement Keys to clarify how much the Council has been charged in penalties for late returns for the 2011/12 accounts. Members also raised concerns over the amount of skips used and requested that alternative means of recycling and waste disposal be looked at in the future in order to cut costs.

RESOLVED on proposal by Councillor Dobbie, seconded by Councillor Hughes that the financial reports for December 2012 be received and approved.

5. GAINSBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT TRUST

- i. Offer to gift Gainsborough Town Council the Southern Toll House at Trent Bridge
- ii. Offer of funding towards any project

Members considered the answers received to their questions raised at the last meeting from the Gainsborough Development Trust.

Various Members questioned what the benefits would be to owning / leasing the Southern Toll House, and urged caution as to the maintenance costs of the building.

RESOLVED to ask the Gainsborough Development Trust if they would be prepared to gift the Southern Toll House to Gainsborough Town Council along with funds to cover future maintenance and repairs of the Toll House.

6. RODA ENERGY SOLUTIONS – RICHMOND PARK (Paper D)

Councillor Hughes left the meeting at 8:02pm.

Members considered Paper D but were of the view that no decision could be made until such time as the Council has carried out a whole scale review of its assets and a development plan drawn up to determine the future of Richmond House.

RESOLVED to defer a decision regarding investing in energy saving products at Richmond House until a whole scale review of the Councils assets and development plan has taken place.

The meeting concluded at 8:09pm

Chairman