

## GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Management and Finance Committee held at Richmond House,  
Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7:10pm

**Present:** Councillor Paul Key (Chairman)

Councillor David Dobbie  
Councillor Vaughan Hughes

**Also Present:** 2 members of the public

**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 Norman Dinsdale

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hughes declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda item 15vi as an allotment holder.

**3. MINUTES**

i. Meeting of Management and Finance Committee Monday 12 November 2012

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Dobbie, seconded by Councillor Key that the minutes of the Management and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 12 November 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

ii. Extraordinary Meeting of Management and Finance Committee Wednesday 28 November 2012

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Key that the minutes of the Extraordinary Management and Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**4. TO CONSIDER MOTION / RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED**

i. RECOMMENDATION to Management and Finance Committee to not make provision in the 2013/14 budget to award Community Grants.

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Key, seconded by Councillor Hughes to discuss alongside agenda item 16.

**5. MIDTOWN UNITED JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB – USE OF LEVELLINGS (Paper A)**

Members considered Paper A

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Key to recompense Midtown United Junior Football Club for the £697 over payment from the 2011/12 season give permission to erect shelving in the store room and permission to erect a sign “Midtown United FC working in partnership with Gainsborough Town Council”

**6. TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE DATE OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL**

It was stated that Management and Finance Committee meetings had previously been moved to the third Monday of the month in order to deal with any outstanding issues from Full Council (6/7/10 FC meeting).

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Key to move the January 13, February 13, March 13 and April 13 Management and Finance Committee meetings to a Tuesday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 12<sup>th</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> April and consider when setting the new civic year meeting calendar to put Management and Finance Committee meeting in the third week of the month.

**7. FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2012 (PAPERS B, C & D)**

Members considered and debated at length Papers B, C, and D regarding Unpaid Expenditure Transactions for 30 November 2012, Cashbook Summary (including due and unpaid transactions), and Budget Comparison Report.

Councillor Dobbie declared a personal interest as the brother-in-law to a cheque recipient.

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

**8. NALC PRECEPTS UPDATE**

**RESOLVED** to note the paper regarding Precept setting.

**9. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION**

Members considered the Paper that was distributed at the previous meeting.

Councillor Dobbie advised that he would be happy to support what his political party support nationally and re-introduce the proportion tax.

**RESOLVED** not to reply to the consultation.

**10. LINCOLNSHIRE PENSION FUND**

**RESOLVED** to note the Paper distributed at the previous meeting regarding Lincolnshire Pension Fund.

**11. RANSOME TRIPLE GANG MOWER**

The Acting Clerk informed members that the Ransome Triple Gang mower had reached the end of its life and requested permission to write it off and sell it for scrap.

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Key to write off the Ransome Triple Gang mower and obtain best price for disposal.

**12. GAINSBOROUGH DEVELOPMENT TRUST**

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

The Acting Clerk advised that she had received correspondence from the Gainsborough Development Trust informing the Council that they are disbanding and offering the Town Council the gift of the Southern Toll House at Trent Bridge and funding toward a project.

Various Members urged caution and requested more information to be sought regarding: -

- Amount of funding?
- Who maintained the Southern Toll House before the Trust?
- What state is the Toll House in?
- Is the Toll House a listed building?
- Have they offered to gift it to anyone else?
- What are the current maintenance costs?
- What is in the Toll House?

**RESOLVED** to defer the item until more information has been sought on the various matter detailed above.

**13. REQUEST FROM RESIDENT OF OLD SHOWFIELDS TO CONSIDER PUMPING WATER FROM RICHMOND PARK**

The Acting Clerk advised that a gentleman had visited the Council expressing his concerns with regards to the standing water on the park after severe rain. He had advised that in the past WLDC used to pump the water away from houses on Old Showfields.

Members requested some clarity from WLDC as to how often it was done and if the pump is still available.

**RESOLVED** to request that the Acting Clerk to contact WLDC to research the issue and ask what happened to the pump and is it available for the Town Council to use. A further report to be brought back to this Committee.

**14. LEGIONELLA TESTING QUOTATIONS (Papers E & F)**

Members considered Papers E and F.

Members were advised that the Council would not be covered by Insurers in the event of any contamination if the Council had failed to carry out Legionella monitoring.

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Dobbie to accept the quotation by GES Water.

Councillor Rollings arrived at the meeting at 8:24pm.

**15. FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2013 / 2014** (Paper G to follow)

1. Football
- ii. Cricket
- iii. Bowls
- iv. Pavilion Hire
- v. Cemetery
- vi. Allotments (2014/15)
- vii. Garage Rents (2014/15)
- viii. Register Office

**RESOLVED** to defer all of the above to an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm.

**16. TO CONSIDER BUDGETRY REQUIREMENT FOR BUDGET 2013 / 2014 AND TO RECOMMEND THE LEVEL OF PRECEPT TO FULL COUNCIL** (Paper H)

**RESOLVED** to defer the item to an extraordinary meeting to be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm.

**17. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** on proposal by Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Dobbie to implement Standing Order 1C and exclude the Public and Press.

Note: At 8:40pm the Committee had a 10 minute comfort break.

**18. STAFFING ISSUES** (Paper I)

Members considered Paper I at length.

Members felt that they were unable to deal with this in isolation and that it would be sensible to take it forward for consideration as part of a planned restructuring exercise in the near future.

Members did however wish to convey their appreciation of all the hard work and endeavours on Health and Safety issues and acknowledged the progress that has been made.

**RESOLVED** to defer any decision and consider as part of a planned restructuring in the near future.

The meeting concluded at 9:03pm

Chairman