

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22 April 2014 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices, Unit 5B Treceus Industrial Estate, Padstow

Present: Councillors: R Higman (Chairman), F J Bealing, K Freeman, I F McKey, A Rickard, Mrs K Seaber, Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth

In Attendance: Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk), Mrs N Barnes (Responsible Financial Officer) and one member of the public

- FGP2013/54 Apologies for absence:** None.
- FGP2013/55 Announcements:** Agenda Order: The Chairman advised that agenda item 17 to be taken before agenda item 16.
- FGP2013/56 Declarations of Interest:** Councillor C Watson-Smyth declared an interest in Agenda Item 14 (Additional Grant Request);
Councillor Mrs T Walter declared an interest in Agenda Items 16 (New Business Units: Rent Reviews) and 17 (Lease Update)
- FGP2013/57 Public Participation:** Tina Evans (Chair, Padstow Area Tourism and Business Forum) expanded on the difficulty which had arisen from the loss of grant funding from Visit Cornwall and also essential refurbishments which were required. They had also lost 100% rate relieve from Cornwall Council totally £2,000 however, they had been successful in an approach to the Padstow Harbour Commissioners who would cover their rates this year. The TIC had reduced staff by one in order to cut their wages bill. They were also working hard to provide more income through the development of a online booking facility. She wished to also outline how grateful the TIC were for the Town Council's support.
- FGP2013/58 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014 be signed as a true record of the meeting.
- FGP2013/59 Clerks Report/Work Programme:** was noted for information.
- FGP2013/60 Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.
- FGP2013/61 Car Park Income and Graphs:** were noted for information. Committee expressed their thanks to the Responsible Financial Officer in producing the information for their comment.
- FGP2013/62 Council Non-Domestic Rates:** The Chairman advised that this matter had been referred to Committee by Council. The Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer and himself had

Tourism Budget 2014-15 of £10,000 to be paid in ten equal instalments.

She confirmed that there were no further grant monies available for 2014-15 within the LTOS Grant. Therefore, it was not possible to award an additional grant.

Committee took on board these comments and acknowledged their support of the Padstow TIC over many years and their continued support with them again awarding a further £10,000 this year

RESOLVED that the request from Padstow Area Tourism Forum (PATA Ltd) be refused due to their being no budget available.

Councillor C Watson-Smyth returned to the meeting.

FGP2013/68 **It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

Councillor Mrs T Walter left the meeting and did not return.

FGP2013/69 **Lease Update:** See confidential minutes.

FGP2013/70 **New Business Units: Rent Reviews:** See confidential minutes.

FGP2013/71 **To Note date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19 August 2014 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm