

## PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Office, Unit 5B Treceus Industrial Estate, Padstow.

**Present:** Councillors R Higman (Chairman), F J Bealing, R Buscombe, K Freeman, A Rickard (part) and Mrs A E Symons

**In Attendance:** Mrs K Pemberton (Town Clerk) and Councillor H M Saunders

- 2016/14 Apologies:** were received from Councillors Mrs T Walter and C Watson-Smyth
- 2016/15 Announcements:** None.
- 2016/16 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 2016/17 Public Participation:** None.
- 2016/18 Minutes Tuesday 5 July 2016: RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the chair.
- 2016/19 Clerks Report/Work Programme:** The Chairman advised this item was added in error as the Finance and General Purposes Committee agreed to not have a work programme, as their work programme was determined by financial timetables and legislation.
- 2016/20 Correspondence:** None.
- 2016/21 Budget Report 2016-17:** Committee was referred to the report prepared by the RFO. Thanks were expressed to her in this regard. The report was noted for information.
- 2016/22 Budget 2017-18:** Committee discussed the papers for consideration and recommendation on to Council.

The Town Clerk clarified, as detailed on page 13 of the agenda report, that the Business Plan can be reviewed once the end of year accounts were known. It was considered this was a good approach and would be the same this year. Comment was made that the Business Plan was a "live document". This would be expected to take place around April/May time.

Recommendations from the Leisure, Tourism and Open Spaces (LTOS) and Highways, Roads and Transport (HRT) Committees were detailed on page 14 of the report. It was clarified that a budget be set aside for possible additional inspections for Cornwall Council Enforcement Officers, this would be for both Padstow and Trevone. The HRT Committee requested a meeting with relevant Cornwall Council officer to look in this matter further. The Town Clerk added that we'd need to be sure that funding this activity was adding value and realising a benefit.

A further budget of £15,000 requested by the HRT Committee was in respect of possible costs and fees associated with taking forward any devolution opportunities with Cornwall Council. It was expected

that during 2017/18 discussions and detail would still be looked at/worked on. It was hoped by next year's budget setting process more detail would be known and likely budget required.

The Town Clerk clarified that the £100,000 requested by LTOS would not be for the 2017-18 budget but incorporated within the Business Plan for 2018/19 the recreation and improvements to the Lawns.

It was acknowledged that the budget for the Neighbourhood Development Plan remain. This was set at £10,000; the spend to-date was detailed on page 12 of the agenda report.

There was a discussion around the precept. Comment was made that to set a precept a project would need to be identified. As Committee know there are projects being taken forward however, the Council were able to finance these. Mention was made this was a consideration each year and that the situation could change.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT**

- a) no Member Allowance be set.
- b) the draft budget 2017-18 be approved;
- c) the updated Business Plan be approved; and
- c) no precept be set for 2017-18

**2016/23** **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 21 February 2016 at 7.00 pm (Grants Meeting) was noted.

**2016/24** **It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.**

**2016/25** **Budget 2017-18:** This item was discussed previously with no confidential issues raised for further discussion.

**2015/26** **Lease Issues:** See confidential minutes

Meeting closed at 7.22 pm.