

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 8.30AM

Present: In the Chair Cllr M. F. Way
Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr D. J. Goodman Cllr Mrs C. Lock
Cllr E. J. Moore Cllr Mrs R. McCool
Cllr S. K. White

In Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk/RFO/Project Co-ordinator Mr A. C. Coates
Mr M. Cornelius

F42/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Kingdon.

F43/14 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr Lock informed members that Devon County Council had agreed to buy the land at Exeter Gate for the new school.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that there was a further meeting with DCC which, with the added support of the TC, hopefully would secure the £15000 funding requested by the YMCA. The Deputy Town Clerk advised he would keep member informed of developments.

F44/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Deputy Town Clerk:.

Cllr C. Lock – DPI – Item 10 – Wife of Mayor

Cllr S. Lock DPI – Item 10 – Current Mayor

Cllr White – DPI – Item 8 – Vice Chair and Trustee of Town Band

F45/14 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

F46/14 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was RESOLVED that accounts in the sum of £30424.43 be approved for payment.

F47/14 **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

Members noted details of all charges to be reviewed and it was RESOLVED that the following amendments be made:

THURSDAY/SATURDAY PANNIER MARKET FEES to be increased from 1 April 2015 as follows:

Quarterly in Advance - £150 per quarter

Casual (by the morning) - £15.00 per day + £3.00 if electricity used

Electricity per quarter - £30.00

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ALLOTMENT RENTS – to be increased to £40 per annum with effect from 25 March 2016

F48/14 HALF YEARLY ACCOUNTS

Members noted a copy of the half yearly accounts for the period ending 30 September 2014 and it was RESOLVED that these be approved.

Cllr White declared a DPI during discussion on the Town Band's application and left the meeting.

F49/14 DONATIONS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Members noted three application for donation which had been received and it was RESOLVED that monies be awarded as follows:

South Molton & District Archive and Local History Society - £100

South Molton Town Band - £200

Cllr White rejoined the meeting.

South Molton Pre-School – That no monies be awarded as members felt this should be funded from DCC's Education Budget.

F50/14 MACMILLAN FAIR

Members noted that the Macmillan Fair were requesting a contribution towards positioning 25 Christmas Trees around the scaffolding at the front of the Town Hall and it was RESOLVED that this request be rejected. Cllr McCool wished to have it minuted that she voted against this decision.

Cllrs C. and S. Lock declared a DPI in the following item and left the meeting.

F51/14 MAYOR'S CHARITY DINNER DANCE

- a) Members noted a copy of the account in respect of the event held on 11 October 2014
- b) The Mayor had requested that a formal policy is set regarding any loss which occurs regarding this event. It was RESOLVED that the current situation remains unchanged with the loss being made up personally by the Mayor but if the Mayor of the Day has any problems then this should be brought back to this Committee who will consider how the loss is funded.

Cllrs C. and S. Lock rejoined the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15am.

Chairman

Date