



Skipton Town Council

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Finance and Policy Committee Thursday 17 August 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: K McIntyre (Vice-Chairman), R G Heseltine, E Jaquin, P Madeley, A Rankine and P H Whitaker.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr C Harbron – Family Commitments
Cllr C Clark - Holiday

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

5. To note the minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 June 2017.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 22 June 2017 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting subject to the following amendment.

Cllr A Rankine declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to agenda item 12 as he has worked closely with Mr A Green as a member of Skipton Town Council in the past.

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6. To report information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To note the Council's Revenue Budget position at 31st July 2017.

Members noted the revenue budget position at 31 July 2017 and that the Mayoral allowance figure is carried over from the 2016-17 Mayor. Members agreed that a methodology would be investigated which would make a clearer distinction between civic years.

8. To consider the Council's approach to consultation on proposals from the North Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner regarding governance of emergency services in the County.

It was agreed to create a small 'task and finish' group comprising of Cllrs R G Heseltine, P Madeley, A Rankine and C Clark with Cllr McIntyre deputising for Cllr C Clark should he be unable to attend. It was agreed that the group could meet at a time adjacent to the fortnightly leadership meeting.

Recommendations made by this group would be brought to Full Council.

9. To receive any updates from the Chief Officer regarding the Council's accommodation in Skipton Town Hall.

The contractors, Woolers, have started work and appear to have removed the dangerous ceiling sections identified by the Surveyor.

Paul Shevlin, Chief Executive Craven District Council, visited the offices to assess the situation. Mr Shevlin advised the Chief Officer that he would investigate when the work to the Council Chambers would commence.

Mr Shevlin acknowledged that the Town Council need to negotiate with Craven District Council what level of compensation should be awarded.

Members agreed that it was unfortunate that Mr Shevlin had only just visited the site.

10. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of items 11 & 12 on the grounds that they relate to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

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13. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None

The meeting closed at 7.13 pm.