

**BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
held on MONDAY 28 JULY 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER**

Present Councillor K Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mrs J Mason, Mrs J Oxley and Mr J Oxley

Also Present Councillor Mrs W Witter and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk)

81. **Election of Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor K Vickers be elected Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year. Proposed by Councillor Mr J Oxley and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Oxley

82. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Resolved that Councillor Mr J Oxley be elected Vice-Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the ensuing year. Proposed by Councillor K Vickers and seconded by Councillor Mrs A Clark

83. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor J P Vickers (on holiday)

84. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting

85. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 22 April 2014**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the town council held on 7 May 2014.

86. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Audit of the Town Council** (Min Ref: 365/135 – F&GP 22/04/14)

As requested, the Clerk had contacted the town council auditors to obtain information and the cost involved for an auditor to speak to members of the town council. This information was read out and it was agreed and

Resolved not to progress this matter.

87. **Requests for Financial Assistance**

Members considered the following received requests for financial support:

(a) **Joseph Shepherd** – Duck Egg Theatre Company at The Edinburgh Festival

Consideration and discussion took place regarding this request. It was agreed and

Resolved not to support this. The town council is not empowered to provide financial support to an

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individual.

(b) The Royal Voluntary Service

Consideration and discussion took place regarding this request. It was agreed and

Resolved not to support this request. The town council support groups based in the town, rather than national ones and feel that the services offered are already undertaken by other groups based in Barton-upon-Humber.

88. The Following Issues Were Considered:

(a) Town Council Office External Sign (Min Ref: 30(1)(i)/11 – BTC 04/06/14)

Discussion took place regarding the merits of a sign, the required planning permissions and also the costs involved. It was agreed and

Resolved that the Clerk obtain the cost of a sign to be erected into one of the glass panes inside the council office window. The sign to be the same size as the window pane with the words “Barton Town Council” onto it only. To be further discussed at the next ordinary meeting of the town council to be held on the 6 August 2014.

(b) Town Council Photograph & Identification Cards (Min Ref: 34(ii)/11 – BTC 04/06/14)

Following discussion, it was agreed and

Resolved that these matters not to be progressed at the present time.

(c) Litter Bins & Dog Waste Bins in the Town (Min Ref: 36(ii)/12 – BTC 04/06/14)

Following agreement at the June ordinary meeting of the town council to provide a litter bin near to the bridge over the Haven on Maltkiln Road, other locations for litter bins and dog poo bins had been suggested. In light of the budget allowance in the current financial year allowing for two more bins, it was agreed and

Resolved that this matter be further discussed at the Environment Working Party meeting to be held on Monday 4 August 2014.

(d) Outstanding Gas Bill (Min Ref: 46/16 - EOF&GP 25/06/14)

A copy of the outstanding gas bill regarding The Assembly Rooms had been received, pertaining to the period 1 February – 1 June 2011. Town Council minutes and documentation was perused, indicating that the lease arrangements of the building formally took effect from 1 January 2011. In light of this, it was agreed and

Resolved that Councillor K Vickers discuss this matter with CHAMP Ltd, the leaseholders of the building, for further report by the town council

(e) 2014/2015 Budget – Quarterly Summary of Income/Expenditure

The Clerk reported that income/expenditure for the period 1 April to 30 June 2014, was on track, being the first financial quarter of the current financial year.

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The budget, reserves and income/expenditure for the year was discussed. Councillor K Vickers made comment regarding a possible town council scheme - the Market Place/Market Lane for example, to enhance the town by applying to North Lincolnshire Council for grant aid funding. Councillor Mrs J Oxley explained joint partnership working arrangements between the town council and outside agencies (such as North Lincolnshire Council Neighbourhood Services, Barton Civic Society, Lions and Rotary groups) were already undertaken regarding enhancement projects through the town council's Environment Working Party. Councillor Mr J Oxley stated that a working party meeting of the group was programmed to be held on Monday 4 August.

Resolved that this be noted. Suggestions regarding any further town enhancement schemes to be identified for further discussion.

The Chairman, Councillor K Vickers, closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

.....Chairman 6 August 2014