



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2008

Present were Councillors M J Bradford (Chairman), M V Ainsworth and Mrs J Bradford, A M Laird, Mrs A L Rushforth and B Slade

In attendance were the Clerk & Financial Officer, the Assistant Clerk and Financial Officer 19 members of the public and 1 press.

F128/07 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Christine Bailey representing Age Concern asked the council if they would consider a rent free period of six months to pilot a new service that benefits local elderly people. The committee agreed.

Mrs Whinfrey was asked to leave the meeting.

Councillor Mrs A L Rushforth asked what the commotion was outside the committee room door and asked for the meeting to be suspended until it was sorted out. The matter was then discussed under staffing issues.

A member of the public asked who the cheque signatories were and why weren't they changed every year like the committees are?

F129/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received – Full attendance.

F130/07 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

The Clerk & Financial Officer advised members to carefully consider the substantive business to be transacted and declare their personal or prejudicial interests where necessary.

F131/07 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN

There were no communications received

F132/07 ACCOUNT/BANK RECONCILIATION FOR FEBRUARY 2008

RECOMMENDED: that the account/bank reconciliation for February 2008, as now presented by the Clerk & Financial Officer, be confirmed.

F133/07 RECEIPTS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2008

RECOMMENDED: that the Receipts Schedule for February 2008 in the sum of £3316.30 as now presented by the Clerk & Financial Officer, be confirmed.

F134/07 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS TO FEBRUARY 2008

RECOMMENDED: that management accounts to February 2008, as now presented by the Clerk & Financial Officer, be confirmed.

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F135/07 PAYMENTS SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2008

RECOMMENDED: that the Payments Schedule for February 2008 in the sum of £16,280.92 as now presented by the Clerk and Financial Officer, be confirmed.

F136/07 GRANT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDED: that under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 grants of £100 be made to Friends of Maltby Craggs Infants School, Parents in Partnership, Maltby Craggs Junior, Friends of Maltby Comprehensive School and Friends of Gillian Banks Theatre School.

F137/07 STAFFING ISSUES

Councillor M V Ainsworth Would like to see an emergency procedure put in place with regards to signing of cheques. He suggested 4 signatories plus the Clerk & Financial Officer. The Clerk & Financial Officer explained the basic legal position with regard to bank signatories.

RECOMMENDED: that this item be discussed at the next Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting.

The remainder of the staffing items were discussed at the end of the meeting.

F138/07 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

No information was exchanged.

F139/07 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance and General purposes will be held on Wednesday 14 May 2008 in the Edward Dunn Memorial Hall, Tickhill Road, Maltby at 7.00 pm.

F140/07 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that the press and public be excluded pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and because it would not be in the public interest to discuss the matters in public.

F141/08 STAFFING MATTERS CONTINUED

The Clerk & Financial Officer left the room for the duration of this item.

Councillor Mrs A L Rushforth expressed her extreme concern that the council is the subject of a formal grievance and complained that no member of the council, other than Councillor B Slade (Chairman of the Council) has the faintest idea of the details of this grievance and what has been done to properly address it. She was concerned that Councillor B Slade was acting alone and without authority.

Councillor Mrs A L Rushforth specifically asked Councillor B Slade for a full explanation of the current situation, and as a matter of urgency, for copies of all correspondence which related to it. She also asked for all Councillors to be cc into all future correspondence. Councillor B Slade said he would send a copy of the letters as requested.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

