

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 24 April 2008 at the Town Hall, Petersfield.

PRESENT: Mr V Clarke (Chairman), Mrs H Ayer, Ms M Vincent and Mr G Watkinson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S McMorran (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr P Jones (MCO) Petersfield Herald and 1 member of the public

F 0769 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the last Finance and General Purposes committee meeting of the current municipal year. He had no further comments.

F 0770 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Hick and Ayer.

F 0771 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ms Vincent declared a prejudicial interest as she was the landlord of the premises used by Intuitive Photograph, minute number F 0774B.

RESOLVED: that Standing Orders be suspended for a 5 minute period in order for members of the public to discuss matters of interest with Councillors.

As no questions were forthcoming, the meeting was re-convened.

F 0772 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2008 be approved.

F 0773 FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

G 0755 PENNS FARM PLAYING FIELDS - PETERSFIELD RUGBY CLUB

RESOLVED that the valuation from the District Valuer for the ground rent and pitch hire to the Petersfield Rugby Club be agreed and the new prices charged to the Rugby Club at a time as stipulated in the lease

G 0758 LAND AT THE AVENUE ADJACENT TO 2 THE AVENUE

RECOMMENDED that the offer from the owners of 2 The Avenue be accepted for the pocket of land adjacent to the boundary of the Avenue Car park, with the proviso that the Town Council did not incur any costs whatsoever including any possible re-location of the BT pole.

PH 0766 B TOWN/FESTIVAL HALL - Security Company

RESOLVED that ADP Security be employed to lock up and secure the Festival Hall after late bookings at a cost of £16.00 per visit, whilst the Festival Hall Manager was on sick leave.

F 0774 BUS SHELTERS

A. Broadway Park, The Causeway

Members received a request from residents of Broadway Park for a bus shelter close to the entrance to Broadway Park on The Causeway. Gwil Williams of EHDC had advised the Town Clerk previously that the bus stop was outbound only, that any bus shelter would be on The Causeway and not in Broadway Park, that a bus boarding point was required and that the project was suitable for a Transport Developer Contributions bid.

Members were advised that there was a bus shelter available under a 106 agreement (Reema site) but no maintenance money was with it. The maintenance of any shelter would be the responsibility of the Town Council.

Following consideration it was

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council support the erection of a bus shelter on The Causeway near to the entrance to Broadway Park and that moving the bus stop to the proposed new shelter be investigated.

Prior to consideration of the next item Ms Vincent left the Chamber.

B. Advertising on Bus Shelters

Members received a proposal for advertising on bus shelters from Intuitive Photography and advice on planning issues from EHDC, copy attached to these minutes at Appendix A.

Concern was raised as to whether the existing shelters had been designed to take advertising.

To allow Mr Stephane Rocher of Intuitive Photography to address the meeting it was

RESOLVED to suspend standing orders

Mr Rocher advised that he intended to replace the current Town Council stickers with advertising posters. He passed examples of his work to members for their information.

The meeting was re-convened.

RECOMMENDED that the offer from Intuitive Photography as follows be accepted by Council:

- £200 per year to be paid for each advertisement plus any planning permission costs that may be paid by the Town Council
- One advertisement to be trialled for 6 months on the bus shelter in The Square near the Oxfam Shop
- The size of the advertisement to be the same as the current Petersfield Town Council posters
- If the advertisement is damaged or vandalised then Intuitive photography to replace as necessary.

Ms Vincent re-joined the meeting

F 0775 ORDERS RAISED UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATION 3.4

Members were advised that an emergency order had been raised to cover the cost of boarding up vandalised windows at Love Lane Pavilion in the sum of £207.08. This would be part of an insurance claim for the replacement windows. This was noted and approved.

F 0776 INSURANCE COVER - CORPORATE HOMICIDE AND CORPORATE MANSLAUGHTER ACT 2007

Members noted that Zurich Insurance had enhanced the Town Council's cover in light of the Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007 with no additional charge to the Town Council.

F 0777 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Members reviewed the Town Council's Child Protection Policy.

RESOLVED that the Town Council's Child Protection Policy be approved un-amended for the ensuing year.

Members were advised that the Town Clerk was investigating a Vulnerable Adults Policy as requested. This was noted.

F 0778 CIVIC TWINNING EVENT - WARENDORF VISITORS

Members were asked to consider taking on the organisation of Morris Dancing in The Square for a twinning visit on 9 July 2008 to allow the event to be covered by the Town Council's Public Liability Insurance.

RESOLVED that the Town Council organise Morris Dancing on The Square for the twinning visit on 9 July 2008 to allow the event to be covered by the Town Council's public liability insurance.

In view of the confidential nature of the next item it was

RESOLVED to evoke standing order 36 m and exclude the public and press

F 0779 STAFF MATTERS

Members received notes from the Staff Panel meeting held on 8 April 2008.

RECOMMENDED that the report and recommendations be accepted.

There being no further business the meeting 7.10 pm