

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 25 September 2008 at the Wey Room, East Hampshire District Council, Penns Place, Petersfield.

PRESENT: Mr G Watkinson (Chairman), Mrs H Ayer, Mr R Ayer
Mr K Hick, Mr P Molloy and Ms M Vincent

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), Mrs S McMorrان (Deputy
Town Clerk)

F 0269 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman advised that Intuitive Photography were no longer interested in advertising on the Town Council's bus shelters. This was noted.

F 0270 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members being present there were no apologies for absence.

F 0271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Watkinson declared a personal interest as he was a member of Winton Players, minute number F 0279 refers.

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 members of the public were present, the meeting was re-convened.

F 0272 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2008 be approved.

F 0273 FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

A. GROUNDS COMMITTEE

G 0244 B. THE HEATH:

Dragon Boat Racing

RECOMMENDED that permission be given to Portsmouth and Southsea Rotary Club to hold a Dragon Boat Racing Event on 17 May 2009 at Heath Pond subject to the Town

Clerk being satisfied with all final arrangements for the event.

G 0248 THE AVENUE PLAYING FIELDS

RESOLVED that permission be given for the use of the Avenue Playing Field for outdoor group exercise sessions from Body Blast Boot Camp, subject to availability, with the charge set at 10% of the group's takings on any classes held on the Avenue Playing Fields

B. PUBLIC HALLS

PH 0256 f. TOWN/FESTIVAL HALL

Town Hall Windows

RECOMMENDED that the capital sums currently allocated to the purchase of a projector, laptop and screen, totalling £4795 (as this equipment is now being provided by East Hampshire District Council free of charge) be used for the shortfall to the cost of the replacement windows.

F 0274 PARTIAL REVIEW OF THE SOUTH EAST PLAN: GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION NEEDS

Members received and considered consultation papers from The South East England Regional Assembly regarding gypsy and traveller accommodation needs.

Members felt they needed more information and possible input from EHDC before replying to the consultation.

RESOLVED that a reply to the consultation on gypsy and traveller accommodation needs be considered again at the October meeting of Finance and General Purposes committee.

F 0275 FIRE PROOF CABINETS

Consideration was given to the purchase of a fire proof cabinet and filing cabinet for staff records and bound minutes. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that the following be added to the Revenue Best Value Improvement Plan:
Fire Proof Cabinet, resource £2341, category Essential
Fire Proof Filing Cabinet, resource £960.89, category Essential

F 0276

TOWN GUIDE

Mr Hick asked members to give consideration to taking out a page advertisement for the Town Council at a cost of £485 in the forthcoming Town Guide. Members were advised that this was not in the current year's budget. Members did not feel it was necessary to pay for an advertisement as copy regarding the Town Council would be in the editorial.

RESOLVED that an advertisement would not be taken out in the Town Guide by the Town Council.

F 0277

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Members were asked to give consideration to create a group profile for the Town Council on the new community website for the district - easthampshire.org.

Members agreed this was an excellent idea and asked if staff would be able to manage the additional work. The Town Clerk confirmed that there was scope for the two administration officers to carry out this work. There was no charge for taking space on the new website.

RESOLVED that the Town Council have a group profile and page on the new community website - easthampshire.org.

F 0278

PAINTINGS

Mr Hick asked members to give consideration to removing and copying the Flora Twort and Harry Roberts paintings and re-framing and also the repair of the Gilbert Hobbs picture of Sheet. It was deemed sensible to have a photographic record of the paintings for insurance purposes and also for use in any Town Council publications. The Town Clerk would contact the Hampshire Records Office to ascertain if they could undertake the work.

RESOLVED that the following be placed on the Revenue Best Value Improvement Plan:

Photograph of 2 Flora Twort Paintings and the Harry Roberts picture together with re-framing of all three pictures plus the repair of the Gilbert Hobbs picture of Sheet, resource to be advised, category Beneficial

F 0279

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Members received and noted the income and expenditure figures to July 2008.

F 0280

BUDGET 2009/2010

Members gave consideration to items for inclusion in the 2009/2010 budget from the Revenue and Capital Best Value Improvement Plans together with any other items.

RESOLVED that the following item be added to the Capital Best Value Improvement Plan:

Re-joining of the Town Mace, resource to be advised, category Beneficial

that the following items be added to the draft budget for 2009/2010:

ID14 Bunting £1500

Fire Proof Filing Cabinet £960.89

Fire Proof Cabinet £2341

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.06 pm.