

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General
Purposes Committee of

Westgate-on-Sea Town Council

on Tuesday 17th October 2017

Held at

11 Ethelbert Square, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent CT8 8SR

Present	Cllr King (Chairman) Cllr Rolfe, Cllr Nightingale, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Pennington
Also in Attendance	Mrs Iris Osborne (Acting Clerk) 9 members of the public
953/17	To receive apologies for absence There were none
954/17	Declarations of Interest There were none
955/17	Minutes It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 19 th September 2017 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.
956/17	Chairman's Announcements The Chairman reported the death the previous day of KCC Cllr Ken Gregory. All stood during a minutes silence to respect his memory.
957/17	Public Participation Session There were no public questions.
958/17	Questions from Councillors There were none.
959/17	Grant Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Westgate -on -Sea Scout Group The Group were seeking a grant of £650 to provide an additional shelter, refurbish the roof and to replace their worn out Club Section Flag. Cllr Pennington raised the question of a usual grant of £500 being allowed but other members were unaware of this, having recently made several grants in excess of £500 (ie £1k for Christmas Lights). Councillors agreed that by allowing this grant it would be fitting in with one of the Council's priorities – to work with the youngsters of the town. A decision to grant £650 was agreed by four members – there was one abstention.ii) Westgate Against Rubbish The group were seeking funding of £2-300 to pay for a party for all the volunteers who assist with this Scheme. Any surplus money would pay for additional litter picking equipment. Whilst it was generally agreed that a very useful job was being carried out the money should only be used to buy food and not drink. A grant of £200 was agreed by three members, with one abstention and one vote against.iii) United Services Club The Club was seeking a grant of £1200 to meet the cost of commissioning a sign writer to produce a board showing all the names of World War 1 and 11 Veterans from the Town. It was unanimously agreed that the application be deferred until the next meeting when full details of the balance of the grant budget would be available.
960/17	Personnel Update Cllr King reported the resignation of the Clerk Miss Julie Pilbeam. At present the office is being operated by two members of staff. The position of Clerk had been advertised via KALC and NALC. There had been two applications requested but neither had been returned but it was thought a third application was pending.

Members agreed a recruitment process – an interview panel comprising Cllrs King, Pennington and Page. A provisional date for interviews was set at 26th October 2017.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 21st November 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed



Date

16 Jan. 2018