

WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7.00 p.m, on Monday 24th October 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall Buildings, 31 St. Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea.

Present: Councillors King(Chairman), Morrish, Nightingale and Rolfe

Also present: Councillor Miss Cornford and Roy Wade (Acting Town Council)

494. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman opened the meeting and gave the usual "housekeeping" instructions.

495. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Pennington and Ms. Scott

496. MINUTES

It was moved by Cllr. Rolfe and seconded by Cllr. Nightingale and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

497 MEMBERS' INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were made.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION FORUM

Mr. James Brazier advised Committee that all of the committee papers should have been posted on the Council's web site but that he did not at this stage intend to outline his views on the draft budget.

Mr. Wallin confirmed to Members that all the committee papers had now been posted on the site.

498. DRAFT BUDGET 2017/18

Cllr. Miss Cornford spoke on this item with the approval of the Committee and in accordance with Standing Order 24

The Chairman reported that the draft budget before Members was for preliminary discussions and that it would be considered more fully when Ms. Julie Pilbeam the newly appointed Town Clerk was in attendance.

Cllr. Morrish expressed his concerns that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had not been received from TDC and asked that the District Council expedite the drafting of the MOU and passed to the KALC for comment.

He also raised several points on the draft budget but indicated that he would raise these issues when the draft budget was formally considered.

Cllr. Ms. Ashbee raised several point on the draft budget and whether or not to use some of the under-spends and Margate Charter Trustee's payments to the Town Council to mitigate any proposed increase to the 2017/18 budget. Cllr. Miss Cornford addressed Committee and outlined the need for the Town Council to consult with residents over the proposals within the draft budget and made reference to the procedures followed by Brixham Town Council and the consultative document they produced

499. AN ECONOMIC PLAN FOR THE REGENERATION OF WESTGATE-ON-SEA

Consideration of this item was deferred as Cllr. Pennington was not in attendance and referred to the next meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

500. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Morrish reported that in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning, Highways and Environmental Committee and endorsed by Council at its September meeting (Minute 389 refers) the application to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to TDC on 22 September 2016. In view of this decision it would be necessary to allocate a budget head for this expenditure to supplement the grants of up to £9000,00 that could be available.

It was AGREED to proceed with the Neighbourhood Plan and in the meantime to object to the inclusion of Shottendane Road in the Local Plan draft proposals.

501. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 12th December 2016.

Signed:



Chairman:

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Time concluded: 8.30 p.m.