



Skipton Town Council

Finance and Policy Committee Thursday 16 June 2016 at 7.00 pm

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Present: Councillors C Harbron (Chairman), J Dawson, R G Heseltine, A Hickman, K McIntyre, A Rankine & P Whitaker.

In attendance: Councillors J Kerr and W Clark

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Wendy Allsopp (Committee Services Officer).

1 member of the public was in attendance.

Prior to the meeting a one minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to Leeds MP Jo Cox who had sadly passed away, following an attack earlier in the day.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

It was agreed that the member of the public in attendance would speak to the Committee during agenda item 7.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Councillor Calvin Dow.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

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5. To note the minutes from the previous meeting held on 14 April 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 14 April 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To consider matters relating to recent flooding in Simbach-am-Inn.

Mrs Jean Phillip of the Skipton-Simbach Society introduced herself.

She informed the Committee that parts of the town of Simbach had been severely affected by recent flash flooding.

Mrs Phillip and the officer had both spoken to the Town Clerk, Tony Schuhbauer, who advised that whilst he was very grateful for donations they did not require financial assistance at this time.

It was **RESOLVED** to assist in the short term to ask the Chief Officer to submit an open letter to residents in Simbach, for print in their free press, expressing the town of Skipton's support and solidarity following damage caused by the devastating floods.

It was further **RESOLVED** that in future years the Council should look to continue to support Simbach as their twin town in any way required.

8. To note the Council's Revenue Budget position as at 31st May 2016.

Members noted the Revenue Budget at 31 May 2016.

9. To consider any matters relating to the Council's Financial Statements for year ending 31st March 2016

Members noted the Financial Statements and agreed that the Auditor should be invited to attend a future meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

10. To note the Council's Internal Audit Report for year ending 31st March 2016

The Internal Audit was noted by Members.

11. To note an update on the Council's review of Staffing and to approve arrangements for independent Human Resources support.

The Committee noted progress with the Interim Staffing arrangements and the proposed timetable.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the engagement of Sarah Seastron from Clockwork HR Limited as the Council's Independent Human Resources advisor for the ongoing Staffing Review.

12. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 13 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

13. To note and consider a number of payroll corrections.

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It was **RESOLVED** to re-admit press and public.

14. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm