

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee will be held in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham on 16 August 2017 at 6.30pm, when the following items will be discussed:

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 28 June 2017 enclosed.
3. Matters arising, if any.
4. Declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To receive bank reconciliation and budget income and expenditure report to 31 July 2017 (attached).
6. To consider alternative energy suppliers (quotes to be supplied at the meeting).
7. To agree a date for the next meeting of the Committee.
8. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion. (*Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Clerk before the meeting begins.*)

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HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2017

350.	PRESENT: Councillor J M Graham in the Chair and Councillors T Cessford, T G E Gillanders, Mrs C R Homer, E Green, R Hull and J Ord.
351.	CHAIRMAN: It was AGREED Councillor J M Graham be re-elected Committee Chairman.
352.	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: It was NOTED the Committee members are Councillors J M Graham, T G E Gillanders, E Green, T Cessfod, J V R Hare, J Ord, T Pearson, R Hull and Mrs C R Homer.
353.	STAFF SUB-COMMITTEE: It was AGREED not to reconstitute this Sub-Committee.
354.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J V R Hare and T Pearson.
355.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 11 April 2017, having been circulated, were AGREED.
356.	MATTERS ARISING: a) PROVISION OF PUBLIC TOILETS (Minute 341 refers). It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs Homer will raise this issue with Paul Jones, Director of Local Services at Northumberland County Council. b) TELEPHONE LINE RENTAL (Minute 345 refers). It was NOTED that a new fixed line tariff has been agreed and transferred from BT to Onecom. c) WASTE BINS (Minute 347 refers). It was NOTED that the requested list had not yet been received.
357.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
358.	FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank statement and account reconciliation together with the 2017/18 Budget report to 31 May 2017 were received and accepted. Copies are attached to the minutes.
359.	TOWN TWINNING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT: The report was considered and it was AGREED that the Council supports the Hexham Town Twinning Association but that no partnership agreement is required.
360.	DONATIONS: A number of requests for donations had been received

	<p>and after consideration of these it was AGREED donations be made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hexham Abbey Festival £250.00 b. Northumberland Domestic Abuse Services £150.00 c. Tynedale Hospice at Home £150.00 d. Hexham Holiday Club 2017 £250.00 <p>It was NOTED there will be £700.00 balance remaining in the 2017/18 budget.</p>
361.	MILK: A letter from Philip Sewell offering a reduced cost if milk is supplied in cartons rather than bottles was considered and AGREED.
362.	TYNEDALE INDEPENDENT BUSINESS FEATURE: It was noted that the Hexham Courant had contacted the Council about whether it wished to place a notice in the feature. It was AGREED that no notice from the Council will be in this year's feature.
363.	STREET LIGHTING: Councillor Mrs Homer provided an update on progress on LED lighting in Hexham. It was NOTED that there is a test area in Beaumont Street which has been converted to LED lighting and that any observations should be given to Northumberland County Council.
364.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on 16 August 2017 at 6.30pm in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Action Log

Contact Paul Jones, NCC regarding St Mary's Wynd toilets'	Councillor Mrs Homer
Chase NCC for a list of broken bins	Clerk

Chairman

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:-

1. "I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... (for example:) Agenda item 3,
Planning application number 13/1234".
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply).

2. "I have a disclosable personal interest
in..... (for example:) Agenda item 4,
Grant aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative
(NOTE: Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies).

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of (A) pecuniary interest and (B) other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any interest.

To ensure Councillors interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days' notice must be given for any dispensation request.