

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on
Tuesday 14 November 2017 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

PRESENT: Cllrs G Turner, J Cook, S Hellewell, R Gott, N Denby, P Flinders, M Wood, and R Brook.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J Depledge & M Blanshard

IN ATTENDANCE: C Wadsworth, Clerk to the Council

16/113 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Turner declared an interest in the Denby Dale Mens Shed grant application, Cllr Cook declared an interest in the Denby Cricket Club application and Cllr Wood declared an interest in the Emley Youth Club grant application.

16/114 Open Session

No members of the public were present

16/115 Apologies for Absence

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from Cllrs Depledge & Blanshard. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence submitted by the councillors be accepted as valid.

16/116 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that there were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

16/117 Budget 2017/18 and Expenditure Review

- The expenditure review and Council Building expenditure and income were discussed.

RESOLVED

- To accept the budget outturn and note the repayment of the loan to Friends of Skelmanthorpe Textile & Heritage Centre
- To accept the Heritage Working Party Accounts
- To recommend to Full Council to increase the budget from reserves by £7,500 which would be vired to the employment budget line due to a predicted overspend.

16/118 Draft Budget 2018/19 to be recommended to Full Council

- It was proposed and **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council to increase the budget by 3% rate of inflation as a general rule when setting the budget for next year
- **RESOLVED** to increase the Employment budget line to £75,000
- **RESOLVED** to add a new budget line for the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) of £5,000
- **RESOLVED** due to the predicted overspend on the Community Grant budget line this year to increase this line next year to £22,500
- It was noted that wreaths, litterbins and Emley show budget lines remain the same and the Insurance line be increased by 10% premium as previously. Line 42 to be renamed 'Council Building'.
- It was noted that it would be recommended to Full Council that the Precept would be calculated using the 3% rate of inflation figure and would be decided upon in January.
- The level of reserves held was discussed and it was agreed that the level of £400,000 was adequate given that the council should hold approx. 12 months reserves plus a figure to cover expected added expenditure on the council building, other work generated to cover district council shortfall and future employment costs.
- **RESOLVED** to reduce the allotment budget to £10,000

16/119 Policy Review

RESOLVED that the Data Protection Policy be adopted with some minor amendments as a starting place for the future as more information comes out.

16/120 Grants

RESOLVED to award Small Grants as follows using the General Power of Competency provided under the Localism Act 2011:

- Emley Brass Band £500 for instruments
- AFC Emley £428.02 for playing equipment
- 1st Upper Dearne Valley Navigators £343 for pioneering facility

- Denby Dale Pie Hall £500 for upgrade of building (with provisions)
- Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir £500 for music
- Denby Cricket Club £500 for scoreboard building
- Skelmanthorpe Junior FC £500 for hygiene training/cooking facilities
- Emley Village Youth Club and CC £500 for projection equipment
- Scissett Youth Amateur Swim Club not awarded but requested to supply further information on the status of the website and to apply again in January 2018.

RESOLVED to award Community Grants as follows using the General Power of Competency provided under the Localism Act 2011:

- Denby Dale & District Men's Shed Association £4000 for equipment
- Emley Clarence Cricket Club £4500 for a wicket mower
- To vire £1,394 from the Community Grant Aid line to Community Grants to cover the shortfall in budget line

16/121 Appointment of Auditor for 2018/19

RESOLVED that Michael Fox of Torevell Dent be appointed as internal auditor to undertake internal audit as per attached schedule.

16/122 Orders for Payment

RESOLVED that orders for payment number 693 totalling £2,675.80 be approved for payment

16/123 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 16 January 2018

Signed..... **CHAIR**