

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on
Tuesday, 17 November 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Brook, J Cook, G Turner, B Jewitt, P Flinders, P Cassidy, M Blanshard, R Gott and J Depledge

APOLOGIES: Cllrs N Denby and S Hellewell

IN ATTENDANCE: C Wadsworth, Clerk to the Council

15/014 Declarations of Interest

Declarations were received by Cllr Blanshard as a trustee of Denby Dale Cricket Club, Cllr Cook as a member of Denby Village Conservation Group, Cllr Depledge as a member of Denby Dale Bowling Club (affiliated with the Cricket Club), and Cllr Jewitt as a representative of the Clayton West Millennium Green Trust.

15/015 Open Session

No members of the public wished to speak.

15/016 Apologies for Absence

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from Cllrs N Denby and S Hellewell. **RESOLVED** that the reason for absence submitted by the councillor be accepted as valid.

15/017 Admission of the Public

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

15/018 Budget 2015/16 and Expenditure Review

The current outturn was discussed, Cllr Brook advised that another schools grant application had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate the breakdown of election expenses once received. **RESOLVED** that the expenditure review be accepted.

15/019 Draft Budget 2016/17 and Preliminary discussion on Precept

It was **RESOLVED** that the allotments fund should be increased by £10k, as this fund was set several years ago and costs had now increased. Cllr Depledge stated that following a meeting with Naylor's concerning the land at Denby Dale station, it was clear that there was much work to be undertaken by Naylor's around the quarry, and that this would probably not impact on next year's budget, but may be a factor in the future. It was noted that the precept could not yet be set until final figures were provided to Kirklees Council regarding the Council Tax Reduction Grant, which would not be until December.

RESOLVED that the draft budget be recommended to Full Council with the amendment to the allotment fund.

15/020 Small Grants Awards:

RESOLVED that the following Small Grants be awarded using the General Power of Competence provided by the Localism Act 2011:

Skelmanthorpe Youth & Community Centre	Seating and tables	500.00
1 st Upper Dearne Valley Navigators	Canadian Canoe	500.00
Cumberworth Football Club	Sit-on lawnmower	500.00
Skelmanthorpe Male Voice Choir	Music	500.00
Churches Together in CW & Scissett Kidz Klub	Craft and games resources	200.00
Clayton West Millennium Green Trust	Planting scheme	172.63
Skelmanthorpe Utd Junior FC	Goals	500.00
Denby Dale Athletics Club	Sports hall equipment	500.00
5 th Skelmanthorpe Scout Group	Camping equipment	500.00

15/021 Community Grants Awards:

- Denby Village Conservation Group – **RESOLVED** that £750.00 be awarded for a defibrillator using the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011
- Denby Dale Cricket Club – **RESOLVED** that £745.00 be awarded for a defibrillator using the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011.
- Cliffe Wood Conservation Group – **RESOLVED** that £1,710.00 be awarded for the memorial garden using the General Power of Competence as provided by the Localism Act 2011.

It was noted that a requested discussion on grants procedures would be postponed until the next meeting as Cllr Denby was unable to attend.

15/022 Skelmanthorpe Library Building Asset Transfer and Churchfield Lease Updates:

The Clerk had received draft documents relating to the asset transfer. It was **RESOLVED** that comments by fed back to the Clerk to take to the solicitors and the Library Working Party.

15/023 Internal Auditor – to appoint an internal auditor to undertake internal audit 2016/17

RESOLVED that Michael Fox of Torevell Dent be appointed as internal auditor to undertake internal audit for 2016/17 as per attached schedule.

15/024 Orders for Payment

RESOLVED that the orders for payment no. 642 totalling £23,809.28 be approved for payment. It was also noted that the Chief Officer of YLCA had confirmed that all on-going expenditure for projects already begun could be transferred to the General Power of Competence.

15/025 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2016

Signed..... CHAIR