Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 18 June 2013 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe

PRESENT: Cllrs R Brook, J Dodds, M Watson, M Fahey, S Kinchin, B Rushforth, J Cook and R Gott

APOLOGIES: C Rimmer, G Turner,

IN ATTENDANCE: C Wadsworth, Clerk to the Council

11/107 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

11/108 Open Session

No members of the public were present.

11/109 Apologies for Absence

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from Councillors C Rimmer and G Turner. **RESOLVED** that the reasons for absence submitted by these councillors be accepted as valid.

11/110 Admission of the Public

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

11/111 Rural Community Broadband Fund - update

Cllr Brook gave an update on the Broadband Fund. The deadline for 'expressions of interest' had been extended to 17 June, with the aim of getting a 50% level of feedback. This had been achieved over the area as a whole. They had also worked to get Bromley Park included. Emley was reported as being the most difficult area to get feedback from, partly due to the demographics of the area, and partly due to the card produced not reflecting their potential needs. Over 36% response rate had been achieved in Emley however, and the Stage 1 bid was submitted last week. The IT consultants had reported that DEFRA had received low uptake, however they expected a higher return of applications at the last minute. Cllr brook reported that we had a reasonably strong bid, and expected that the £4,000 committed by Denby Dale Parish Council may need to be drawn down quickly.

RESOLVED that the £4,000 be made available at short notice to be drawn down as needed to ensure we can move quickly on this project.

Cllr Dodds proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Brook for all his hard work on this project.

RESOLVED that a vote of thanks be recorded to Cllr Brook.

RESOLVED that Cllr Brook's verbal report be received.

11/112 Budget for Litter Bins

A budget of £4,500 was available in this year's budget for the provision of litterbins in the Parish, and the most recent costings were provided. Cllr Cook stated that a resident had suggested a new bin was required in Upper Denby, and that two further bins may need replacing there. It was suggested that two bins were provided in Birdsedge, subject to need, as these two areas had not had bins provided previously. These bins should not exceed budget, and the Clerk was to check on current prices for the provision and installation of litter bins.

RESOLVED that three bins be provided to Upper Denby, and two to Birdsedge, subject to need.

RESOLVED that the budget of £4,500 not be exceeded.

RESOLVED that the Clerk check current prices for the provision and installation of the bins.

11/113 Expenditure Update

Cllr Brook suggested that £20,000 held in reserve from last year's Community Grant Aid budget now be attached to the Library project, to be added to the £20,000 already in the budget for this, to make up the £40,000 committed. Designs for Kirkwood Hospice and the Denby Dale Centre were expected to be finalised by 3 July, and the planning application would be submitted in September. If successful, work would commence in April 2014. Legal transfer of the land and car park to the Trust would take place in January. The funds would therefore need to be available this financial year.

RESOLVED that £20,000 held in reserve be transferred to the Community Grant Aid budget.

The committee noted the expenditure to date.

RESOLVED that the report submitted by the Clerk be received.

Cllr Gott spoke to the meeting about Internal Controls for financial procedures and referred to the YLCA update.

RESOLVED that this be added to the next Financial and General Purposes Committee Agenda.

11/114 Clerk Training

The Clerk provided costings for the SLCC 'Working with Your Council' training pack at £75, which precedes the CiLCA.

RESOLVED that the Clerk undertake the training at a cost of £75.

11/115 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 22 October 2013

Signed..... CHAIR