



RYDE

TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT 7PM ON 29 JUNE 2016 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Roi Milburn (Chairman), Henry Adams, Tim Wakeley, David Woodward, Phil Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton (Administration Officer)

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: There were no members of the public present

59/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Adrian Axford and Karen Lucioni.

60/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none received at this stage.

61/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 June 2016 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

62/16 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor Woodward asked if it was possible to relocate the mounted photographs of past Mayors of Ryde to the new Council offices and also to obtain a Board showing the names of the previous Mayors listing their years in office. It was agreed to make enquiries.

63/16 NOTING OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

The Committee noted that the Mayor's charity was Haylands Farm in Ryde.

64/16 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE UPDATE

The Committee noted that under the Clerks delegated powers some previously unadopted communal areas, namely areas around Hovercraft car-park and the ice rink, Quay Lane car-park and land at St Thomas Rest Gardens had now been incorporated into the grounds maintenance contract.

65/16 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members recognised that a year had passed since the last review of the community and marketing grants process and the recent round of grant applications had identified areas that may require modification or updating. It was suggested that a working party be formed with members from the Finance Committee to review the community and marketing grants process and report their findings back to the Finance Committee. It was anticipated that a report could be brought to the September meeting for consideration.

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillors Milburn, Woodward, Wakeley and Warren form a working party to review the community and marketing grant process and report back to the Finance Committee.

66/16 WARD ALLOCATIONS

The Chairman reminded all members that new guidelines were to be followed in requesting ward allocations to ensure council resources were placed to best effect. The Chairman also noted that there was no requirement for ward members to use all of their allowance.

Consideration was given to Cllr Stephen's request for funding clearance of a ditch at Red Squirrel Dell. After discussion it was felt that there was insufficient information put before the Committee to show how the award would benefit the local community. The Committee noted that the attendance at the meeting of a member requesting a ward allocation would be helpful in providing further details and explanation if required.

RESOLVED:

THAT a ward allocation should not be approved on this occasion as insufficient details had been given to demonstrate how the award would benefit the local community.

67/16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Wednesday 27 July at 7pm at the George Street Centre, George Street, Ryde. There would be no meeting held in August.

Chairman

Date