

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD COURT HOUSE,
4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE SG18 8DL

PRESENT:

Cllr M North (Chair)
Cllr D Albone
Cllr B Briars
Cllr F Foster
Cllr M Foster
Cllr Mrs H Ramsay
Cllr Mrs M Russell
Cllr D Strachan

Mr R M McGregor – Town Clerk, Biggleswade Town Council
Mrs J Durn – Meetings Administrator, Biggleswade Town Council

Mr M Thorn – Deputy Town Clerk, Biggleswade Town Council (Member of Public)

15/1101 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr I Bond.

15/1102 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

1102.1 Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any Agenda item - None received

1102.2 Non-Pecuniary interests in any Agenda item: - None received

15/1103 3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

15/1104 4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Members received and approved the Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Meeting held on 19 July 2016.

15/1106 6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1106.1 a. **Budgets**

Members were asked to consider budgets for 2017-2018 (initial budget papers were attached to the Agenda).

Due to the complexity of the budgets, caused by last-minute changes by CBC to both parking and community hall staffing issues, which are out of BTC control; it was **RECOMMENDED** that a Working Group will be set up, consisting of Members of the F&GP Committee, in order to explore and discuss in detail the amendments which will now have to be included, and to address any questions the Members may have.

The Working Group will meet on 1 December at 10.00am. The results of this meeting will then be presented to the next Town Centre Management Meeting on 29 November, following which a recommendation will then be made by the TCM to Council.

1106.2 b. **Risk Management Scheme - Financial**

Members were asked to consider and review the Financial Risk Assessment (copy attached to Agenda).

It was **RECOMMENDED** that this item will also be discussed in more detail at the Working Group Meeting on 1 December 2016.

15/1107 7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

1107.1 a. **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

In light of the above information (item 6 a and b) these figures will need to be revised and re-presented.

15/1108 8. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

15/1109 9. **EXEMPT ITEMS**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

(There were no Exempt items)

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.