

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Councillor M. Blackburn (in the Chair)
P. Allen
J. Kimberley
F.A. Nash
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for non-attendance from Councillors Bennett-Watson (childcare problem), Cole (holiday), Dooley (hip injury), Hinsley (recovering following operation), C. McLaughlin (recovering following stroke) and S. McLaughlin (son's illness) were received and acknowledged but not approved.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by members relating to items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 30th July 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROJECTS TO BE ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL

The Clerk asked members to consider how it may identify and plan events or projects and suggested a working party of mainly younger members to make recommendations to the Council. The Clerk also referred to a number of ideas suggested by Councillor Blackburn including an open day to meet the Council and find out about its work.

RESOLVED i) that the Clerk prepare a more detailed proposal regarding the process for identifying projects and events
ii) that the Events Sub-Committee and Councillors Bennett-Watson and Blackburn meet to commence planning and make recommendations for an open day/evening

5. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

The Clerk submitted a report of recommendations made by the Events Sub-Committee at a meeting held on 16th August 2018.

RESOLVED that the recommendations as set out in Appendix A be approved by the Committee

6. PROCEDURE FOR RESPONDING TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The Clerk asked members to consider a procedure to allow the formulation of a response on behalf of the Council to consultations and licensing applications

RESOLVED that no change be made to the existing procedure allowing members to submit an individual response, unless three or more members request a special meeting be held to formulate a full response

7. CONSIDERATION OF TRAINING FOR THE CLERK TO ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR ADOPTING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Clerk asked members to consider training which would put the Council in a position to adopt the general power of competence, assuming other criteria are also met, following the election in 2019.

RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council

8. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY EVENT 2019: "JUST GIVING" PAGE

The Clerk reported that he had discovered that "Just Giving" removed a commission of 5% and also the cost of card payments from any donations to charity made through one of its pages.

RESOLVED that the Council revoke its decision to set up a "Just Giving" page for the Chair's nominated charities

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF THE SIDE ENTRANCE DOOR AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the current wooden side entrance door was exposed to direct sunlight throughout the day and as a consequence was in constant need of maintenance and he recommended that it be replaced with an aluminium or UPVC door.

RESOLVED that the Clerk obtain quotations for replacement of the door and arrange for the work to be undertaken

10. CONSIDERATION OF REPLACEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S FLOOR POLISHING MACHINE

The Clerk reported that the Council's polishing machines were both damaged beyond repair or obsolete and replacement was required to assist with removal of "scuff" marks particularly on the main hall floor.

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate and purchase a replacement floor polishing machine

11. REPORT OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DECISIONS TAKEN WITH DELEGATED POWERS

Ground Floor Side/Front Extension, 24 Newby Grove

No objections were raised by members. In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Clerk decided to raise no objections.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Christmas Carol Concert 2018

1. The maximum budget for the event to remain as £130.00
2. Wellbeing Choir to be invited to perform.

Christmas Event

1. The recommended plan for the Christmas event is set out below:

Date: 19th December

Persons over 60 only

Residents of Fordbridge only (first come, first serve basis)

Admission by ticket only (special invitation from Fordbridge Town Council)

Allocation of tickets to be managed directly by the Clerk

Wine to be provided with buffet

Event to be held between 12.30 pm and 3.30 pm

Christmas crackers on tables which will be decorated by members who wish to volunteer

Small gift (£1 each) to be provided

Arrangements for the day to be organised by the Events Sub-Committee

Buffet to be provided by The Buffet Shop at a cost of £4.00 per head, (£5.00 per head if less than 80 people), for a maximum of 120 people. A budget of £30 to be utilised to provide desserts/sweets separately

Entertainment to be provided by Traci Hanson (proposed cost £100). If unavailable "Boomerang"

Proposed maximum budget of £1,000

2. 200 A5 hand bills to be printed by the Clerk and delivered to local residents
- A4 posters to be produced and displayed to publicise the event.

Charity Dance 2018

1. Sponsorship to be sought from Birmingham International Airport and TC Cars
2. Re-introduce the prize draw tickets to be sold at £1.00 per ticket from January 2019 onwards. This recommendation will require re-registration as a small society lottery.
3. Raffle prizes for the Prize Draw to be sought from various local companies.