

FORDBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2013

PRESENT: Councillor C. McLaughlin (in the Chair)
P. Allen
A. Doyle
M.G. Hyde
J. Kimberley
S. McLaughlin
F.A. Nash
F.V. Nash
L. Sorrell
H. Stone

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for non-attendance from Councillor Dooley was received and noted.

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

Councillor Hyde reported that he had asked for it be recorded in the Minutes that he had voted against the resolution contained in Minute number 8

RESOLVED that with the above amendment the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held 14th January 2013 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the proceedings

4. REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: INCOME FROM HIRE OF THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk submitted a report, for members' information, detailing income from hire of the Fordbridge Centre in the current financial year and also the two previous financial years. The detailed information is set out in Appendix A.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: MONTHLY EMPLOYEE COSTS

The Clerk submitted a report, for members' information, detailing the monthly employee costs for the previous month. The detailed information is set out in Appendix B.

6. CONSIDERATION OF RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE "FORDBRIDGE PRIZE"

Members were invited to consider re-introducing the "Fordbridge Prize" which had ceased to be awarded after the closure of Ysgol Natur Maengwynedd. The Clerk submitted a brief report outlining how the prize was awarded.

RESOLVED i) that the Council re-introduce the "Fordbridge Prize"
ii) that the Clerk produce a report for the next meeting proposing some basic updated criteria for the prize

7. CONSIDERATION OF FORMULATING PLANS FOR A REFORMED CHILDREN'S COUNCIL

The Clerk submitted an outline framework for a reformed children's council and advised that the head of Fordbridge School had written to confirm its support for a reformed council. He also advised that he had spoken to the head of St. Anne's School who had indicated that the school was only willing to commit to attend the first meeting and then review whether to support the council

RESOLVED that in view of the responses received by the Clerk, no further action be taken on this matter

8. CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY REGARDING ACKNOWLEDGING LOCAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Clerk submitted a report proposing a draft policy for acknowledging and celebrating local achievements.

RESOLVED that the Council's policy as proposed by the Clerk and set out in Appendix C be approved

9. RE-CONSIDERATION OF A DECISION TO PROVIDE A BENCH IN THE SMOKING SHELTER AT THE FORDBRIDGE CENTRE

The Clerk reported that the Council had agreed to provide the bench at the request of the Monday evening bingo group, which no longer used the Centre and that no other group had made a similar request

RESOLVED that no revision be made to the original decision taken by the Council

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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APPENDIX A

Income from hire of the Fordbridge Centre

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
	£	£	£
April	1,588.00	3,039.00	2,066.00
May	1,537.00	2,573.00	2,518.00
June	2,201.00	1,528.00	1,660.00
July	865.00	2,565.00	2,021.00
August	2,194.00	1,343.00	1,786.00
September	1,263.00	1,458.00	2,031.00
October	1,752.75	1,881.00	2,170.00
November	1,788.00	1,753.00	2,326.00
December	1,126.00	1,221.00	1,771.00
January	2,417.00	2,956.00	1,543.00
February	1,503.00	2,078.00	1,798.00
March	<u>1,418.00</u>	<u>2,238.00</u>	<u>2,360.00</u>
	19,652.75	24,635.00	24,050.00

APPENDIX B

Monthly Employee Costs

December 2012:	
Salaries & Wages	£3,969.93
Employer's NI	£197.21
Employer's Pension Contributions	£547.19
January 2013:	
Salaries & Wages	£4,076.66
Employer's NI	£190.61
Employer's Pension Contributions	£505.15
February 2013:	
Salaries & Wages	£4,048.94
Employer's NI	£197.63
Employer's Pension Contributions	£505.02
March 2013:	
Salaries & Wages	£4,392.35
Employer's NI	£198.39
Employer's Pension Contributions	£545.61

APPENDIX C

Acknowledging Local Achievements

- Achievements of residents to be acknowledged by a letter of congratulation and an article to be published in both the newsletter and the website (Articles may have to cover a group of achievements because of space considerations)
- Invitations to submit details of local achievements to be published regularly in the newsletter
- Specific invitations to be sent to all local schools to encourage their involvement
- Achievements to be acknowledged to include exam successes, university graduation, selection for representative sporting teams, local champions, official honours, long service awards, appreciation of work in the local community etc. This list is clearly not exhaustive
- Qualification to be limited to residents of Fordbridge and some form of evidence to be provided
- The Clerk to be responsible for approving all nominations
- Establishment of an awards day if demand is sufficient with all nominees invited and presented with a certificate of achievement and/or another memento.