

Minutes of the Meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Monday 11 April 2011 at 7pm.

PRESENT

Cllr R L Piper (Chairman)
Cllr J F London (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Mrs A E Dawson (arr 7:14) Cllr R J Parry
Cllr A Eyre Cllr Mrs P C Walshe
(6)

In Attendance

1 Member of the Public
Town Clerk
Deputy Town Clerk
Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
Committee Clerk

Apologies for Absence

Cllr J M Canet, A Clayton, Mrs M E Crabtree, R M C Hogarth and S R Raikes

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public attended the Town Council to complain about the recent activities on the Vine. He reported that earlier in the day he had seen 30 to 40 young people drinking and behaving in a menacing way, which he and his wife had not experienced in over 30 years. He had informed the police to register his complaint.

The Town Council's Open Spaces Department regularly clears the litter six days a week from the site and will increase monitoring. The Sevenoaks District Community Safety Partnership has arranged for Kent Police and Youth Workers to visit the Vine on Friday and Saturday evenings and other times when required. Cllr Parry asked that the procedure of handing out leaflets to parents collecting their children be reinstated immediately.

The Town Clerk requested that any member of the public reporting such matters to the police, also email the Town Council on council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk so that investigations may be carried out and run alongside those of the police.

368 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda were received:-

Cllrs J F London and R J Parry being Members of Kent County Council, stated they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at County level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent County Council.

Cllrs J F London and R J Parry, being members of Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue, stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at the Authority, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority.

Cllrs R L Piper and Mrs A E Dawson being Members of Sevenoaks District Council stated that they would reconsider matters to be discussed at this meeting at District level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at Sevenoaks District Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT under the Public Bodies (Admission of Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business.

369 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

A report from the Town Clerk evaluating the provision of service of the Tourist Information Centre was considered by Members and

it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that to implement items 5i), 5ii) and 5iii) within the confidential report attached to the agenda**

and that

the report be adopted and item 8 i) to v) be referred to the Personnel Committee.

Further research be undertaken in relation to digital technology and the Sevenoaks Town Council website

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

370 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 28 February 2011 be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

371 SUB COMMITTEES

(a) Community Centre

Three quotes were received and considered. **It was RESOLVED that**

- i) Company two be awarded the contract in respect of the rolling painting programme subject to suitable references being obtained in advance. If the reference proves unsuitable then the second choice is that Company one be awarded the contract subject to suitable references being obtained in advance.
- ii) Company two be awarded the contract in respect of resealing the floor subject to extensive references being obtained in advance

- iii) The quotes for the tennis/netball court lighting be deferred to the next meeting of the Open Spaces Committee and that Direct Tech Services be invited to attend the meeting to explain in detail.

372 KRAFTMEIER MAUSOLEUM

A report from the Town Clerk was received and considered.

It was RESOLVED that Executive Powers be given to the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes and Open Spaces & Leisure Committees, together with the Town Clerk to accept the grant from Cory Ibstock and arrange for the repair work to the Mausoleum to be undertaken.

Cllr Parry left the meeting at 7:39. The meeting was then inquorate with only five committee members remaining in attendance. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:40 pm (Standing Orders Article 48 refers).

All other agenda items be deferred to the next meeting on 18 April 2011.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm

Signed
Chairman

Dated