Corsham
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 10 August 2016

Present Councillor P Anstey (Chairman)
Councillors J Fraser, Mrs R Hopkinson, D Jones, P Pearson and R Taylor

In Attendance Mrs M Jones (Head of Finance and Administration)
D Martin (Chief Executive)

F&A 10/16 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor S Abbott, M Jackson, D Jarman and M Simpkins.

F&A 11/16 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

F&A 12/16 Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Councillors J Fraser declared non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 as a member of Corsham Rugby Club. He remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

F&A 13/16 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2016

There were no matters arising.

F&A 14/16 Grant Applications (Second Round)

Three grant applications were considered.

Resolved

That the following grants be awarded:

Corsham Bowls Club – £500 towards a defibrillator for the club.

Corsham 60 Plus Club – £50 towards a free Christmas party for members and speakers for monthly meetings.

Corsham Rugby Club – £500 towards new floodlights.

F&A 15/16 Consultation on 100% Business Rates Retention, Needs and Redistribution, DCLG

The consultation was seeking views on the government's commitment to allow local government to retain 100% of the business rates that they raise locally (for Wiltshire this would be Wiltshire Council). Specifically, this consultation sought to identify some of the issues that should be kept in mind when designing the reforms. The government had issued a call for evidence which set out the key questions that would need to be addressed as part of this review. Previously, the Town Council had commented that Town and Parish Councils should receive a share of the local Business Rates

Resolved

That the Chief Executive responds to the consultation asking that town and parish councils get a share of business rates, along with the justification for this.

F&A 16/16 Detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts (including the Town Hall)

The report on the detailed Income and Expenditure of Accounts was noted.

F&A 17/16 Strategic Plan Monitoring and Evaluation *(Minute F&A 098/16 and others)*

The Monitoring and Evaluation sheet which provided details of all the actions within the Strategic Plan themes covered by the Finance and Administration Committee, along with related actions which are monitored by other Committees/Council was noted.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 7.55pm. There were no members of the public present.

_____ _____

CHAIRMAN DATE