

**Honiton Town
Council Finance
Committee**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 30th July
2018 at 7.00pm at the Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton**

Members Present

Cllr P Carrigan (Chairman)

Cllr John Taylor

Cllr John Zarczynski

Cllr Vera Howard

Cllr Roy Coombs

Cllr Nicolette Macve

Cllr Duncan Sheridan-Shaw

Cllr Jill McNally

Cllr Caroline Kolek

Cllr Daniel Jefferson

Cllr Mike Jones

Cllr Terry Darrant

Cllr Henry Brown

In attendance

3 Members of the public

Cllr. Sheila Edwards

Mark Tredwin (Town Clerk)

Heloise Marlow (Deputy Clerk)

18/123/F To elect a Chair of the Finance Committee

Cllr Zarczynski proposed Cllr Carrigan and this was seconded by Cllr Darrant.

Cllr Kolek proposed Cllr Jefferson and this was seconded by Cllr Brown.

Both Cllr Carrigan and Cllr Jefferson addressed the meeting. Cllr Jefferson confirmed that he had concerns regarding the amount of time he would be able to give to the role of Chair and that he would prefer the role of Vice-Chair. On that basis Cllr Kolek and Cllr Brown withdrew their nomination of Cllr Jefferson and Cllr Carrigan was elected Chair of the Finance Committee (12 for and 1 abstention).

18/124/F To elect a Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee

Cllr Kolek proposed Cllr Jefferson and this was seconded by Cllr Jones.

Cllr McNally proposed Cllr Taylor and this was seconded by Cllr Darrant.

Both Cllr Jefferson and Cllr Taylor addressed the meeting.

Cllr Kolek proposed that the vote should be a secret ballot, and this was seconded by Cllr Jones.

Members voted against the proposal (8 against, 4 for and 1 abstention).

Following an open vote, Cllr Taylor was elected Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee (8:5)

18/125/F To receive apologies for absence

All members of the Committee were present.

18/126/F Disclosable pecuniary interests

No pecuniary interests were declared.

18/127/F To note the grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting

None granted.

The meeting went out of session to consider questions from Members of the public

There were no questions from the members of the public.

The meeting went back into session

18/128/F Budget performance, 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018 and the provision of the June 2018 Reconciliations

The Town Clerk presented his report and confirmed that the figures remained as stated as there had been no withdrawal from reserves to purchase the land at Merryfield, Roundball Lane as the Council's bid at the auction had been unsuccessful.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to note the report and accept the reconciled accounts for June 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Kolek and seconded by Cllr Zarczynski.

18/129/F To receive a report on making funds available for legal action against Bailey Partnership

The Town Clerk presented his report and the following was discussed:

- Was the proposed sum of £15,000.00 the correct amount to vire?
- If funds remained at the end of the proceedings, the balance could be returned to reserves.
- Cllr Brown suggested that £10,000.00 be vired from Reserves to the legal fees budget with the remaining £5000.00 allocated to grants.
- The Town Clerk advised against this as it would mean taking further monies out of Reserves.
- Any discussions relating to increasing the grant monies available should take place during the discussions for the next item.

Cllr Brown proposed a recorded vote on his proposal to vire £10,000 from reserves to the legal fees budget and to increase the grant budget by £5000.00 and this was seconded by Cllr Kolek.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to have a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Signed Chair

26th November 2018

For: Cllr Brown, Cllr Jefferson, Cllr Jones, Cllr Kolek.

Against: Cllr Coombs, Cllr Darrant, Cllr Howard, Cllr McNally, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Zarczynski, Cllr Macve, Cllr Carrigan.

Abstention: Cllr Sheridan-Shaw

The motion failed.

Members **RESOLVED** to **Recommend to Full Council** to vire £15,000.00 from Reserves to the Legal Fees budget heading specifically for the Bailey Partnership Legal fees.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Howard. The vote was, 8 for, 2 Against with 3 abstentions.

18/130/F To receive a report detailing Grant Applications and for members to make recommendations for the allocation of Grant Funds to Full Council.

The Town Clerk presented his report and the following was discussed:

- The grant policy would be reviewed at the next policy meeting as it dates back to 2014.
- There was a shortfall as set out in the report between the amount requested by the applicants and the monies available.
- It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to consider each application individually. Proposed by Cllr McNally and seconded by Cllr Kolek.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to extend the meeting for a further 30 minutes.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for, with one against to **Recommend to Full Council** to approve the following Grant 2018-19 payments.

Proposed by Cllr McNally and seconded by Cllr Sheridan-Shaw

1064 Squadron Honiton ATC	£500
Honiton 55+ Centre	£800
Honiton Festival of Imagination	£500
Hospiscare – Honiton and District Support Group	£750
Relate Honiton	£450
Millennium Green	£500
TRIP Community Transport	£500
Citizens Advice East Devon	£470
Devon Freewheelers EVS	£280
Action East Devon/Honiton Health Matters	£2750
Dragons Den (led by EDDC, DCC and Action East Devon	£1000
Total	£8500

18/131/F The meeting closed at 21:10pm