

MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, 2014.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs R.D.Willimott (Chairman), Mrs M.A.Barry, Mrs B.Willimott, Mrs J.Layton, Mrs M.Handley, J.Handley, Mrs B.A.Wing, P.E.Pickering, Mrs M.Fletcher, M.Brown, A. Limb.

**APOLOGIES:** The apologies of Cllrs P.Chambers, I.Coupland, A.Bettinson and R.Wing were accepted.

**(69) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**(70) MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held 24th February, 2014 were signed as a true and correct record. Cllr Handley reported that, using his county divisional funds, he had purchased - for community use - a PA system and would also shortly take delivery of a projector, pull down screen and tripod screen, again for community use. Cllr Mrs Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Handley. It was agreed that a management/booking system for the equipment needed to be established. Following a report advising that a refreshment of the Muga playing surface would be in order, a check needed to be made to ensure the surface was still in warranty.

**(71) DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** The Chairman presented his monthly update on current projects. Although a basic list of current contractors had been circulated, it was felt a more comprehensive list was required. Cllr Limb commented it was essential to have set criteria for contractors and he volunteered to draft a suitable document. Cllr Mrs Handley stressed the need for the Peninsula H&S report to be available to Members in order that they could monitor its findings. Cllr Limb called for separate H&S documents for the Council and the Centre. In light of the Peninsula report Cllr Handley wanted assurances that the Council was legally compliant.

**(72) PARISH EVENTS:** Gathering - a meeting planned for the following night. It was hoped schools would take part in the scarecrow event. Encouraging to be working with so many community groups.

WWI Centenary - the next meeting was in three days time.

**(73) ASSET REGISTER:** The Clerk read out the sums involved for both the centre and other equipment covered for insurance purposes. The sums were noted.

**(74) EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS:** The Council was asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act

**(75) CENTRE PRICES AND STAFFING MATTERS:** The report of the Duty Manager on proposed prices from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 was considered. For clarity it was agreed that prices should show as per hour or per session. For functions continuing after 10.00pm it was agreed there should be a £50 surcharge. As part of the price review it was also agreed to increase allotment rents to £30 pa per full plot. New terms and conditions for the NAL group were set out and the Clerk was to forward them as a matter of urgency.

The meeting also set a ceiling in cost terms to assist the Chairman and Clerk in their negotiations with members of staff who had worked extra hours during the absence of a centre manager.

The meeting closed at 10.02pm.

Chairman