

## **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015**

Present: Cllr P Moores - Chairman

Cllrs: A Biggs, L Deely, B Dixon, J Heard, F Partridge, H Partridge

In Attendance: Cllr L Moores

Melissa Roberts– Deputy Town Clerk

Angela Weare-Gifford – Responsible Finance Officer

Absent (no apologies received) None

**FGP/011/15** **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllrs L Emo, I Hemmings and N Tucker (non-committee Members)

**FGP/012/15** **To receive registered and non-registered disclosable pecuniary interests and non-registerable interests**

Cllr B Dixon declared an interest in FGP/016/15

**FGP/013/15** **Dispensations: to consider requests for dispensations (for which a 'Dispensation Request' form must have been completed and submitted to the Proper Officer at least 3 working days prior to the meeting)**

None were received

**FGP/014/15** **Maximum 15 minutes for electors present to put questions or make observations concerning the business of the Finance, Staffing & General Purposes Committee - questions must be directed through the chairman**

A member of the public expressed his support for renewable energy

**FGP/015/15** **Minutes: to consider and approve the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting held on 22 January 2015**

**Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting are a true and accurate record and they should be signed by the Chairman**

**FGP/016/15** **Presentation from Fred Barker of BECO regarding the use of Council buildings for solar panels**

Cllr B Dixon who had declared an interest in this agenda item stood up to leave the room, but several councilors felt that he should stay but not be allowed to comment. The Deputy Town Clerk advised the Chair that as Cllr B Dixon had declared an interest, she felt he should leave the room. Cllr B Dixon remained in the room at the invitation of the Chair who said that there would not be a resolution made to go ahead with the scheme at this stage.

Fred Barker presented the aims of BECO and his idea that the Works Depot on Kings Hill may benefit from a solar panel scheme. This could mean that electricity bills may be halved. The Feed In Tariff generated would go to BECO to be distributed to local organisations.

**Resolved: That the F&GP Committee has no objection to BECO gathering information as to the feasibility of a solar panel scheme on the Works Unit to present to full Council.**

**FGP/017/15** **Consideration of Procurement Policy distributed at last meeting**  
**Recommended to full Council: That the draft Procurement Policy is adopted as it stands.**

**FGP/018/15** **Consideration of engaging the services of a chartered accountant to prepare a business plan for The Castle**

**Resolved: That the Responsible Financial Officer obtains 3 quotations from qualified business consultants to prepare a business plan for the Castle, and invite them to present their proposal at a meeting of the full Council.**

**FGP/019/15** **Consideration of the purchase of a new tractor mounted hedge trimmer to replace the existing worn out trimmer** *copied to all cllrs*  
**Resolved: That the quotation for a new tractor mounted hedge trimmer be accepted, that being the quote from Cornwall Tractors for £9,420.00**

**FGP/020/15** **Financial Report:**  
**(i)** **Schedule of payments already made 13 January – 13 February 2015** *copied to all cllrs*  
**Resolved: That all payments already made online and by direct debit (V01336 – V01347 inc: £3,435.36 ) be approved**  
**(ii)** **Schedule of payments to be made 20 February 2015** *copied to all cllrs*  
**Resolved: That all payments to be made online (V01348 – V01387 inc: £7,171.40 ) be approved**

**FGP/021/15** **Section 137 Grant Funding: Requests for financial assistance from 2014/2015**

**Section 137 budget:**

Bude Youth Theatre : towards the cost of a theatre production

**Resolved: That a grant of £150 be made from the Section 137 budget to the Bude Youth Theatre**

Friends of Bude Sea Pool : towards the cost of enhancing the sea pool

**Resolved: That a grant of £150 be made from the Section 137 budget to the Friends of Bude Sea Pool**

BAAM : towards the cost of putting on a summer festival at The Castle

**Resolved: That a grant of £150 be made from the Section 137 budget to BAAM**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Signed.....Date.....