

Whiteley Town Council

Finance Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th December at 7.15pm.

Committee members present Colin Bielckus (Chairman), Malcolm Butler (Vice-Chairman), Mike Evans, David Jenkins, Tasmin Smith.

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Hazel Croft-Phillips, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**
 - 4.1 To consider options for depositing council funds **Refer to next meeting, no viable options at present.**
 - 4.2 To confirm the Chairman has verified the bank statements July - October 2015 **The Chairman confirmed verification.**
 - 4.3 To receive income and expenditure April – December 2015 **Received.**
 - 4.4 To consider the following grant applications:
 - 4.4.1 Cornerstone CE Primary School PTA **Agreed to recommend to Full Council that a grant of £500 be made with conditions that the proposed play equipment can be moved to the new school and the PTA raises the remaining funds required.**
 - 4.4.2 Life Education **Agreed to decline on this occasion due to short notice - the proposals are to assist funding school visits to Whiteley Primary in January 2016. Life Education to be invited to explain their work and funding requirements.**
 - 4.4.3 Home Start **Agreed to recommend to Full Council that a grant of £600 be made. Applicant to be asked to approach Fareham BC as well in future.**
 - 4.5 Proposal to make a donation to The Rotary Club of Whiteley of £2,000 from the fireworks event takings in recognition of the volunteer input from Rotary members **Agreed to recommend to Full Council.**
 - 4.6 To consider the precept request for 2016/17 **Agreed to recommend to Full Council a precept request of £120,896 which represents a 2% increase. Amendments to be made to the detail to add refurbishment of the bus shelters within this sum, update the HALC/NALC subscription and allocate a further £30K to the Meadowside Extraordinary Park budget as a contingency fund towards additional works including drainage.**

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee**

8th December 2015 the Committee and Council Chairman and Clerk attended a Winchester City Council budget briefing. Government grants to local councils continue to be cut and WCC is looking at ways to boost income through economic development.

Meeting closed 8.20pm