

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on
Tuesday, 20 January 2015 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

PRESENT: Cllrs R Brook, P Flinders, E Wrench, J Dodds, C Rimmer, G Turner, J Cook., K Waites and R Gott

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Watson

IN ATTENDANCE: C Wadsworth, Clerk to the Council

11/189 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Waites declared an interest in item 7: Grant application for Scissett C of E School. Cllr Brook declared an interest in item 7: Emley Moor Rugby Club request.

11/190 Open Session

Members of the Youth Engagement Group spoke to the council in support of their grant application, highlighting the benefits to the youth and community of the parish.

11/191 Grant application (item brought forward)

- Kirklees TV/Youth Engagement Group Community Grant Application – **RESOLVED** that a grant of **£1,500** be awarded to the group, with the suggestion that the remainder be applied for from the Rural District Committee. The group were also informed they could publicise any activities in the council's newsletter and the Clerk could publicise activities on the council's website. Grant awarded using the power Local Government Act 1972 s.137

11/192 Apologies for Absence

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from Cllr Watson. **RESOLVED** that the reason for absence submitted by the councillor be accepted as valid.

11/193 Admission of the Public

RESOLVED that there were no items requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

11/194 Expenditure Review and request to vire funds to website hosting from admin budget.

RESOLVED that the expenditure review be accepted and that funds could be vired from the admin budget line to clear the deficit in the website budget line.

11/195 Precept

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council a precept of **£189,170** (inclusive of the Council Tax Reduction Grant).

11/196 Grants

- Scissett C of E First School Community Grant Application – **RESOLVED** that a grant of £500 be awarded under the Community Grant Scheme, with the suggestion that the school could apply for an addition £500 under the new Schools Grant Scheme. Grant awarded using the power Local Government Act 1972 s.145
- Emley Moor Amateur Rugby Club application to draw down grant in instalments – **RESOLVED** that the Club could draw down the grant in instalments.
- School Grant Applications –
RESOLVED that the guidance on the school grant form be accepted.
RESOLVED that the grants could be drawn down throughout the financial year, with the applications sent in for consideration at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings. Schools to be given the dates of these meetings in advance with the cut-off date for submitting applications prior to the meetings.
- Review of all Grant Application Procedures
RESOLVED that the procedures be accepted as they stand, with an amendment to the guidance for the Community Grant Aid Scheme, the first paragraph to read: 'The Community Grant Aid Scheme is a scheme put in place to offer help to local organisations. This scheme is not to be confused with the Community Grant Scheme.'

11/197 Asset Transfer Update

Cllr Brook informed councillors that the survey had been undertaken and that the Library Building Working Group would meet with Sally Beaumont on Thursday 29 January to discuss the asset transfer process. Cllr Turner referred to the paper tabled with information on energy saving.

11/198 New Local Council Award Scheme 2015

RESOLVED that the Clerk apply on behalf of the council for the offer of Foundation Level under the new scheme with no cost for one year.

11/199 Orders for Payment

RESOLVED that the orders for payment no. 621 totalling £1,183.26 be approved for payment

11/200 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2015

Signed..... CHAIR