

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on
Tuesday 11 June 2019 in the Civic Chamber, Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe**

PRESENT: Cllrs M Blanshard, S Hellewell, J Patterson, A Baskeyfield, L Newton, R Gott, P Flinders, G Turner, W Simpson, R Brook & C Naylor

APOLOGIES: Cllrs N Denby, K Waites & I Atkinson

IN ATTENDANCE: C Wadsworth, Clerk to the Council

19/001 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received

19/002 Open Session

A member of the Skelmanthorpe FOTS group spoke in support of the community grant application.

19/003 Apologies for Absence

Reasons for absence from the meeting were submitted from Cllrs Waites, Denby and Atkinson

RESOLVED that the reasons for absence submitted by the councillor be accepted as valid.

19/004 Admission of the Public

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

19/005 Grant Application (item brought forward)

RESOLVED that the Skelmanthorpe FOTS grant application could not be approved on this occasion but that the applicant should be invited to submit a new application for a purpose which would more readily meet the parish council guidelines on awarding grants.

19/006 Budget Outturn 2019/20

Budget Outturn – The audit payments made for last financial year were noted. Cllr Gott also stated that there would be further expenditure under repairs and maintenance of the building with the last of the decorating to be completed, guttering work, and renewed lighting system to be considered.

The Budget Outturn was noted by councillors

Heritage Working Party Accounts – Cllr Brook spoke to the accounts, noting that there had been fewer sales due to the closure of the Orchard bookshop. The Heritage Working Party accounts were accepted

19/007 Archives Website Update

Cllr Brook gave background information on the website:

- This website had originally been funded 10 years ago by EPIP 'Leader' funding for Denby Dale and Kirkburton.
- The first EPIP programme digitised and uploaded onto a new website the historic records (held by West Yorkshire Archives) of councils and boards preceding Kirklees MBC. Our Heritage Working Party successfully bid for more external funding to add to the website documents from two major textile companies, Kenyons and Nortonthorpe Mills (also held by West Yorkshire Archives), along with historic industrial heritage photos from the Leslie Robinson collection
- The council's HWP has more recently added many more heritage photos: from the Leslie Robinson collection; by Roy Nightingale on Farms, farming and farmers in the 1980s; photos and videos from David Flack who owned the last coalmine in our area.
- Currently, HWP are uploading the late John Aspinall's collection of Old Emley photos.
- The website is jointly paid for by Denby Dale and Kirkburton Parish Councils, at £350 each per year. This support for local heritage forms part of our Business Plan.

19/008 Visitor Information Website

Cllr Brook updated the Council on the visitor information website:

- This too had been originally funded for Denby Dale and Kirkburton by EPIP.
- There was currently a problem keeping the information up to date, for several years the local EPIP group had updated this however this was coming to an end.
- Cllr Brook was keen that this website also continue and was looking for ideas on how to maintain & update it. It currently costs the 2 councils £150 per year each.
- Recently Kirklees College Travel & Tourism students had been assessing the accuracy of some of the existing content, but there was still much to do.

19/009 Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk had distributed a briefing document on this from NALC. Cllr Simpson tabled a FAQ sheet provided by Kirklees Council. Cllr Brook requested that the ward councillors keep the parish council up to date with progress on the consultation process. Cllr Gott reminded councillors of the Neighbourhood Plan element which would increase the amount of CIL a council could draw down. Cllr Gott also stated that should the council re-consider a NP, it could look at discrete areas of the parish, and not the parish as a whole. Cllr Turner referred to the high cost of employing consultants on NPs.

19/010 Council Building Update

Cllr Gott stated that the last phase of decorating would be between 24 June and 5 July when there would be no access to the building. He was also considering companies to undertake the guttering work. Cllr Brook stated that the picture rail installation had been working well with the Textile Festival being very well attended.

19/011 Orders for Payment

RESOLVED that orders for payment number 736 totalling £774.64 be approved for payment

19/012 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2019

Signed..... CHAIR