

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 44 OLD STREET, ON WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2010
AT 7.30 PM.

Present: Councillor C Francis-Pester Committee Chairman
 Councillor C Blades, B. Garner, C Hall, Mrs L Little, J Middleton, T Morgan,
 J. Norton-Sealey, D Shopland, G Watkins, & C Wring
 In Attendance – Cllr Knott
 Town Clerk – Ms P. Heath,

FGP 10/90 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received

FGP 10/91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda at this point subsequently under agenda item 5 budgets for 2011/2012 Cllr Garner declared a personal interest for CAB as the Town Council Representative and a prejudicial interest as a member of the management board of the YMCA.

FGP 10/92 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Finance & General Policy Committee meetings held on 20th October 2010 and ratified by Council on 1st December 2010 were accepted.

PART 1

FGP 10/93 RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION THE BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2011/2012 FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S

Members noted the budget requests from each of the committees. The Town Clerk circulated an updated total sheet due to the revised band d housing numbers issued by NSC. Members discussed at length and in detail, the reserves held by the Council both earmarked and general and confirmed the intention of using the general reserve to support the budgetary requirements of the Council.

Proposed, seconded that the Committee **RECOMMENDS** to the Precept meeting a precept amount of £20.75 per year for band D properties, which was the same amount as 2010/2011, this would equate to £166190; this was **AGREED** by 6 votes to 0

An amendment was proposed, seconded that the Committee recommend a precept of £165,000; the amendment fell by 3 votes to 5.

PART 2

FGP 10/94 TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET SHEETS

A copy of the financial spreadsheet was circulated with the agenda and noted.

FGP 10/95 FINANCE & GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE BUDGETS FOR 2011/2012;

Members discussed at great length the draft budget papers circulated with the agenda. It was noted that the budget only signified the possible or aspiration requirements of the Councils expenditure and did not necessarily mean that the budget amounts would be spent. Members discussed the major grant request and noted that a decision on the whether to grant any money would be made at the point of application and any budgeted amount did not presuppose that the application would be successful.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** by 7 votes to 1 that the budget sheet would continue to show the grant budgets against specific headings.

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to accept the Finance & General Policy Budget as circulated with the amendment detailed below.

95.2 Receive grant application request from YMCA in respect of the Youth Worker funding for 2011/2012

Members noted the request and **AGREED** to put an amount of £6400 into the precept request.

95.3 To receive details of the pension fund Actuarial Valuation

Members received and noted the amended Council payment for the staff pension from 14 % to 13.2%

Proposed seconded and resolved that the following item is heard under Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 as per standing order no. 26a due to the confidential nature of the information to be discussed

FGP 10/96 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER STAFF ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR MRS HOWARD & MRS JOHNSON; TO DECIDE ON ANY TRAINING AND FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR 2011/2012; TO AGREE ANY CHANGES HIGHLIGHTED IN THE REPORTS

Members received and noted the reports.

It was agreed to obtain cost for proposed training for Mrs Howard

It was agreed to pay for the proposed training for Mrs Johnson and membership of SLCC

It was agreed to amend the diary dates in line with the report.

FGP 10/97 TO CONFIRM CHRISTMAS CLOSING TIMES

It was **AGREED** that the Council office will close at 2pm on 23rd December and re open at 9am on 4th January 2011

FGP 10/98 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman's items for information

FGP 10/99 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

It was agreed that agenda items 5 the budget should be a part 1 item requiring Council ratification at the precept meeting.

It was AGREED that should it be required a budget meeting would be held on the 17th January 2011 to discuss any adjustments to the budget due to cuts at NSC.

The meeting finished at 9.09 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN Date