

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY 14th MARCH 2016

Cllrs. B. Bayford, J. Bayford, Binks, Buckley, Hayton, Leys, Matterface, Moore, Parsons, D. Saunders (Chairman), M. Saunders, Savage, Shaw, Taylor-Smith.
Town Clerk, Sarah Pengelly.

**Minutes marked * require a resolution from the
Town Council**

355 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Dexter.

356 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All members who are also Thanet District Councillors declared an interest in the **RETORT HOUSE, PIERREMONT SITE** item of business, minute 362 below: Cllrs B Bayford, Buckley, Hayton, Matterface, Parsons, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage and Taylor-Smith.

357 MINUTES

RESOLVED to APPROVE and Chairman to SIGN the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 25th January 2016.
RECEIVED the minutes of the Community Centre and Pierremont Park/Buildings Sub-Committee meeting held on 9th February 2016 (unconfirmed).

358 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and UPDATE FROM MEMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS

The Chairman reported that a vacancy may arise for the Town Council's representative to the Alan Squirrel Trust.
Cllr Matterface reported on the grant-making activities of the CT10 Parochial Charity. The Annual General Meeting of the Charity will take place on 14th April 2016.

359 PARISH PARTICIPATION

There were no questions or representations from members of the parish.

360 CORRESPONDENCE and CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Notice of consultations had been circulated: members were invited to respond as individuals.

NOTED that the Town Clerk will put on the Town Council's website the petition in support of enabling parish and town councils to appeal against the grant of planning permission.

NOTED that Kent County Council will shortly commence a consultation on changes to bus services

361 FINANCIAL MATTERS and ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT*

RESOLVED to AUTHORISE payment of accounts schedule no.258.

RECEIVED the oral report of the independent person required to check the Council's bank reconciliations.

*RESOLVED to approve the proposed amendments to the 2016 – 2017 budget.

RESOLVED to approve a contribution to Thanet District Council of 50% of the cost of extended lift opening days in 2016: £1740.

Ref. Min. 297 of 2015-2016

RESOLVED to approve the grant agreement between the Town Council and Thanet District Council in respect of the Coastal Communities Team Thanet project for Broadstairs.

RESOLVED as follows in respect of:

The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations: a budget of £5,500 for both the 21st April beacon lighting and firework event and the 12th June lunch, which will cater for 90 invited guests.

The volunteers who are no longer able to work at the Royal School for the Deaf: Town Clerk to continue discussions on a no-obligation basis, based on a possible budget as outlined in the Town Clerk's report.

Request for a memorial bench on the Culmer's amenity land: approve in principle this particular request, as outlined in the Town Clerk's report.

RESOLVED to RECEIVE and AUTHORISE the payment of accounts schedule no.258.

362 RETORT HOUSE, PIERREMONT SITE

Ref. Min. 294 of 2015-2016

RESOLVED not to defer closure of the Community Hall until December 2016.

363 GRANTS

Ref. Min. 305 of 2015-2016

NOTED the reduced grant funding to be received from Thanet District Council, and the possibility that an additional £5,000 may be received from Thanet District Council but that additional funding cannot be relied on.

RESOLVED to APPROVE the grant awards recommended by the Sub-Committee and CONFIRMED the final grant awards.

RESOLVED to make up the shortfall of £6,800 from Town Council funds, if the additional £5,000 should not be forthcoming from Thanet District Council.

364 TRAINING POLICY and PLAN for 2016 - 2017

This item was deferred.

365 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2014-2015

This item was deferred.

The following item/s were discussed following consideration of a resolution to exclude the press and public under Standing Order 37 & 66

366 STAFFING MATTERS

The decision/s are recorded in the Confidential Minute.

The press and public were permitted to rejoin the meeting

367 PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Date of the next meeting: Monday 25th April 2016.

Town Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.
Meeting was recorded: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the public were present: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the press were present: ~~yes~~/no