

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD 23 JANUARY 2008

Present: Cllr D Murton (in the Chair) Cllr J Haxby, Cllr Mrs J Viles and Cllr Mrs M Wright
RFO Mrs G Robinson

Apologies Cllr E Holden (personal commitment) and Cllr Mrs S Bradney (work commitment)

NOTICE OF THE MEETING

RESOLVED : That Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

F040/08

APOLOGIES

Cllr E Holden had sent apologies to the meeting due to a personal commitment and Cllr Mrs S Bradney had sent apologies to the meeting due to a work commitment.

RESOLVED: That Cllr E Holden and Cllr Mrs S Bradney's apologies be accepted.

F041/08

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda with the exception of agenda item 4 – Consideration of Grant Applications 2008/09 for Recommendation to Council and members were asked to declare their interests during the meeting and in particular when this item was discussed.

RESOLVED : That this information be noted.

F042/08

CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS 2008/2009

FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

A total of 17 grant applications (1 withdrawn) had been received this year and had been considered by Members in detail at two previous meetings and the following recommendations to full council were made:

LIST OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2008/2009

FILEY ART SOCIETY – new application

Requested for art materials for Drawing & Painting course to be held in 2008

25 students @ £36.78

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that the Filey Art Society application be REFUSED due to not meeting statutory powers.

F043/08

BRIGG ANGLING SOCIETY - £100 in 2007/2008

(Free Resource. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

Amount requested for sponsorship prize attached to Filey Town Cup at Fishing Festival

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £100.00 be awarded for sponsorship prize attached to Filey Town Cup at the Fishing Festival.

F044/08

FILEY BRIGG RESEARCH GROUP – new application

(Free Resource Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

Reproduction of 'Filey's Mercury' to include laser scanning of the figurine

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that the Filey Brigg Research Group application be REFUSED due to the figurine being privately owned.

F045/08

**FILEY, EASTFIELD & RURAL NHW ASSOCIATION – £100 awarded in 2007/2008
(Stat. Power Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998)**

Amount requested for the purchase of Neighbourhood watch signs for the Filey area
RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £150.00 be awarded for the purchase of Neighbourhood Watch Signs for the Filey area.

F046/08

FIRST FILEY SCOUT GROUP – new application

(Stat Power Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Power to provide recreational facilities)

Amount requested towards refurbishment of Scout Club Headquarters

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full council that a grant of £700.00 be awarded towards the refurbishment of the First Filey Scout Group Headquarters

F047/08

Cllr W J Haxby declared a personal interest in this application and took no part in the decision

FILEY BAY INITIATIVE - £14,000 awarded in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Power to encourage tourism)

Amount requested for 2 sets of pamphlets, booklet on John Paul Jones Battle, part funding underwater camera, conservation of artefacts, balance of cost of an Information Board to promote tourism

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £4,000.00 be awarded for 2 sets of pamphlets, booklet on John Paul Jones and balance of cost of an Information Board.

F048/08

Cllr W J Haxby declared an interest in this application

**FILEY METHODIST CHURCH – FESTIVAL OF MUSIC awarded £300 in 2007/2008
(Stat. Power Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of Entertainments)**

Amount requested towards sponsorship of the Meltham Brass Band Concert – Filey Festival of Music 2008

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £375.00 be awarded towards sponsorship of the Meltham Brass Band Concert during the Filey Festival of Music 2008.

F049/08

FILEY FOLK FESTIVAL – awarded £750 in 2007/2008

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

(Stat. Power Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of Entertainments)

Amount requested towards performers fees and expenses

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council no award be made due to the application being withdrawn

F050/08

FILEY FESTIVAL – awarded £900 in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of Entertainments)

Amount requested at the discretion of the Town Council towards sponsorship of a Band Performance at the Filey Festival 2008

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £500.00 be awarded for sponsorship of the Paradise Steel Band during the Filey Festival 2008.

F051/08

FILEY IN BLOOM - £800 awarded in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Power to encourage tourism)

Amount requested towards improving planting and special feature floral beds

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £600.00 be awarded towards improving planting and special feature floral beds

F052/08

Cllr Mrs Wright and Cllr Mrs J Viles both declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision

FILEY LIONS CLUB - £500 awarded in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998)

Amount requested towards purchase of fireworks for community bonfire night

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £550.00 be awarded towards purchase of fireworks for the community bonfire night organised by Filey Lions Club. F053/08

FILEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL – new application

(Stat. Power Parish Councils and Burial Authorities (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1970, Section 1)

Amount requested for on-going work in the churchyard, health and safety maintenance of gravestones

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £250.00 be awarded towards work in the churchyard and gravestone health & safety maintenance. F054/08

FILEY & DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE – awarded £500 in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998)

Amount requested towards Summer 2008 Safety Awareness Event on a larger scale than in 2007.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £500.00 be awarded towards the Summer 2008 Safety Awareness Event. F055/08

FILEY SOUTHDENE BOWLING CLUB - £1,000 awarded in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Power to provide recreational facilities)

Amount requested towards providing new Pavilion for the Bowling Club

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £500.00 be awarded towards providing a new Pavilion for the Filey Southdene Bowling Club. F056/08

FILEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION - £250 awarded in 2007/2008

(Stat. Power Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Power to provide recreational facilities)

Amount requested towards a path across the playing fields from the Industrial Estate to the club house to alleviate wear and tear on the pitch

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that this application be REFUSED due to the land being owned by Scarborough Borough Council. F057/08

FILEY YOUTH FOUNDATION - £750 awarded in 2007/2008

(Free Res. Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)

To further the aims of the Youth Foundation towards grants to local young people for equipment etc.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £500.00 be awarded towards grants to local young people for equipment etc applying to the Filey Youth Foundation F058/08

Cllr D Murton and Cllr Mrs Wright both declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision, Cllr W J Haxby took over the Chairman's role for this item

FOORDS CRICKET CLUB – new application

(Stat. Power Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Power to provide recreational facilities)

Amount requested towards the purchase of new cricket nets

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £300.00 be awarded towards the purchase of new cricket nets for the Foords Cricket Club. F059/08

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN 2009/2010

Members considered that due to the large grant of £100,000 being allocated to the Filey Boys and Girls Club in 2008/2009 which would reduce the council's capital and interest received whether it would be possible to offer a Financial Assistance Scheme in 2009/2010. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full council that due to the large grant of £100,000 being allocated to the Filey Boys and Girls Club in 2008/2009 which would result in a decrease of the council's capital and interest received, applications for financial assistance would be severely limited in 2009/2010.

F060/08

DRAFT PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR 2008/2009

Members discussed in detail the draft precept requirement for 2008/2009 in line with the draft budget for 2008/2009 and the income which was required to undertake council projects. The RFO circulated to Members details on the precept rates and the Band D Equivalent payable. A 2% levy on the precept had already been agreed by the full council (Minute F645/07) in November 2007 to support the Southern Parish Cluster and a further increase was required to support the council's budget for 2008/2009. A proposal was made and unanimously agreed to set the Precept at £89,880 (currently £84,000-2007/2008) for 2008/2009 which equates to an increase of £2.16 per annum for a Band D Equivalent council taxpayer. It was also agreed that a press release would be made by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to explain the increase if agreed by the full council and it was

RESOLVED : That a recommendation be made to full council that the Precept is set at £89.880 for 2008/2009 to include a 2% levy (£1,680) to support the Southern Parish Cluster as previously agreed by the full council (Minute F645/07).

F061/08

RESOLVED: That a press release be issued by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee as agreed above.

F062/08

DRAFT BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR 2008/2009

The RFO had previously circulated to Members an amended copy of the final draft budget for 2008/2009, together with Hire & Service Charges and proposed Cemetery Fees for 2008/2009 at the Lawns Cemetery and were asked to agree the averaged increase in fees of 3% for recommendation to full council, it was recommended by the RFO that Hire & Service Charges remain unaltered for 2008/2009 as a review had been applied in 2007/2008. It was

RESOLVED: That the proposed review of Cemetery Fees at The Lawns Cemetery for 2008/2009 be accepted for inclusion in the 2008/2009 draft budget

F063/08

RESOLVED: That the Hire & Service Charges for 2008/2009 remain unchanged.

F064/08

Members re-visited the draft budget headings to make further savings and it was agreed that the following be reduced or increased as follows:

- That the request made by the Strategic Planning Committee to purchase Civic Memorabilia be reduced to £200.00 for 2008/2009.
- That the budget for Mayoral Christmas Cards in 2008/2009 be reduced to £50.00 and produced in house to save costs in 2008/2009
- That the Mayoral Seat Budget in 2008/2009 be reduced to £25.00 to accommodate a Mayoral Plaque on the Mayoral Seat
- That a request made by the RFO to increase the stationery budget by £200.00 be agreed to implement a new filing system
- That a request made by the Property Committee to increase the Council Building Budget by £500.00 be agreed to purchase new fire doors to comply with fire legislation
- That the Community Safety Budget be incorporated into the Section 17 Crime and Disorder Budget for 2008/2009 and decreased to £250
- That the Contingency Fund be decreased to £5,000
- That the Town Guide Income budget be withdrawn for budgeting purposes and any donations received be considered by the Town Guide Working Party towards offsetting the Town Guide costs

RESOLVED: That the above budget headings be adjusted as above and incorporated into in the 2008/2009 draft budget for recommendation to the full council

F065/08

DRAFT BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR 2008/2009 Continued

The RFO had applied efficiency savings as detailed on the draft budget report and this was explained in detail to members. Members agreed a sum of £5,000 to be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve to the Sports Facility Reserve in 2008/2009 and also agreed that a shortfall in income of £21,300 would be required to be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve for inclusion in the 2008/2009 budget. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: That a recommendation be made to the full council for a sum of £5,000 to be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve to the Sports Facility Reserve in the 2008/2009 draft budget (as per Minute F650/07 to agree a substantial sum be transferred to the Sports Facility Reserve) F066/08

RESOLVED: That a recommendation be made to the full council that a sum of £21,300 be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve in 2008/2009 to support the council's expenditure for projects as outlined in the 2008/2009 draft budget. F067/08

RESOLVED: That the draft budget for 2008/2009 as amended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee be recommended to full Council for approval as attached hereto.

F068/08

Under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, members considered that none of the above decisions would impact on crime and disorder.

Chairman
Councillor D G Murton