

## FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

#### MEETING HELD 28 JANUARY 2009

Present: Cllr D Murton (in the Chair), Cllr Mrs S Bradney, Cllr S Cross, Cllr J Haxby, and  
Cllr C Hodgson  
RFO Mrs G Robinson

Also present: Cllr K Burton, Cllr Mrs J Viles and Cllr R Walker

#### 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 F057/09

#### APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs M Wright had sent apologies to the meeting due to ill health.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Mrs M Wright's apologies be accepted. F058/09

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda with the exception of agenda item 6 – Consideration of Grant Applications and members were asked to declare their interests during the meeting when this item was discussed.

**RESOLVED :** That it be noted no declarations of interest were declared in agenda items but members would declare their interests during the course of the meeting when discussing grant applications. F059/09

#### FILEY BAY INITIATIVE

Members had previously been circulated with a letter from the Chairman of Filey Bay Initiative requesting approval to utilise awarded grant funding during 2008/09 for the purchase of copies of an educational book depicting the 'Story of John Paul Jones' the hero of the American Navy as an alternative to Filey Bay Initiative producing a book as had been originally outlined in the grant application. Cllr J Haxby, as the Town Council representative on Filey Bay Initiative reported that it was the intention of FBI to use the grant award to buy copies of the books and donate them to the children of Year 6 at Filey Junior School and Year 7 at Filey School to educate them on the historical importance of John Paul Jones, education being a remit of the Filey Bay Initiative. Members were informed that FBI will still be producing educational pamphlets as a condition of their agreed grant. It was

**RESOLVED:** That approval be granted to purchase copies of the 'John Paul Jones' book with grant funding awarded by the Town Council in 2008/09 as outlined above. F060/09

#### FILEY JUNIOR SCHOOL CENTENARY

*Cllr J Haxby declared a personal interest in this item as he is a Governor at Filey Junior School but requested to give information to members on the project.*

*Cllr S Cross declared a personal interest in this item as his daughter is a pupil at the school and his wife is a School Governor.*

The full council agreed 'in principle' to support 'Filey Junior School's Centenary' (Minute No 019/09) on 14 January 2009 by providing funding for an ornamental gate which would form part of the creation of a Centenary Garden at the front of the school by reinstating front railings with the ornamental gate in the centre. Members were informed by Cllr Haxby that the school children had been involved in the design and would be encouraged to maintain the garden and an estimate of costs was provided. It was

**RESOLVED:** That a sum of up to £500 be included in the 2009/2010 Budget for the Filey Junior School's Centenary project as detailed above. F061/09

**CONSIDERATION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009/2010 FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL**

A total of 13 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 2009/2010**

**CRIMLISK FISHER ARCHIVE – new application**

**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

Requested for match funding for archive Heritage Lottery Funding project  
'Your Family, Your Home, Your Filey

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council no award be made due to the application being withdrawn.** F062/09

**BRIGG ANGLING SOCIETY - £100 awarded in 2008/2009**

**(Statutory Power Section 144 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Power to encourage Tourism)**

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

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £100.00 be awarded to the Brigg Angling Society for sponsorship prize attached to the Filey Town Cup at the Filey Fishing Festival.** F063/09

**FILEY BOYS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB - awarded £100,000 in 2007/2008  
(Stat. Power Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Power to provide recreational facilities)**

Amount requested to provide new goal posts for 3 Football Pitches at the Filey Boys & Girls Club facility

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full council that this application be REFUSED to the Filey Boys and Girls Club due to a £100,000 grant award being made by the Town Council in 2007/2008 towards the sports facility.** F064/09

**FILEY METHODIST CHURCH – FESTIVAL OF MUSIC awarded £375 in 2008/2009  
(Stat. Power Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of Entertainments and support of the arts)**

Amount requested towards sponsorship of the Meltham Brass Band Concert – Filey Festival of Music 2009

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £400.00 be awarded to the Filey Methodist Church towards sponsorship of the Meltham Brass Band Concert during the Filey Festival of Music 2009.** F064A/09

**FILEY FESTIVAL – awarded £500 in 2008/2009**

**(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 an orchestra for the Last Night of the Proms Concert Band (including room hire) at the Filey Festival 2009

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that this application be REFUSED to the Filey Festival for 2009 due to no balance sheet being submitted as requested by the Town Council.** F065/09

*Cllr S Cross declared an interest in this application as his daughter was the Festival Queen in 2008 and took no part in the decision.*

**FILEY IN BLOOM - £600 awarded in 2008/2009**

**(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 to Filey in Bloom towards improving planting and special feature floral beds**

F066/09

*Cllr Mrs Wright (although not present at the meeting but at previous meetings) declared an interest in this application as the Chairman of Filey in Bloom when this item was discussed and took no part in the decision.*

**FILEY LIONS CLUB - £550 awarded in 2008/2009**

**(Stat. Power Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of entertainments and support of the arts)**

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 to the Filey Lions Club towards purchase of fireworks for the community bonfire night organised by Filey Lions Club.**

F067/09

*Cllr S Cross declared an interest in this application as he is a member of the Filey Lions Club.*

*The Town Clerk (non voting) also expressed an interest as she is a member of Filey Lions Club.*

**FILEY SAILING CLUB – new application**

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

Amount requested towards sponsorship of a trophy for the club's Annual Regatta and would be recognised as 'Filey Town Council's Regatta Club Traveller Trophy' and would be re-presented each year.

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full council that a grant of £200.00 be awarded to the Filey Sailing Club for sponsorship of the 'Filey Town Council Regatta Club Traveller Trophy for the club's Annual Regatta.**

F068/09

**FILEY & DISTRICT SAFETY COMMITTEE – awarded £500 in 2008/2009**

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

Amount requested towards Summer 2009 Safety Awareness Event.

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £500.00 be awarded to Filey & District Safety Committee towards the Summer 2009 Safety Awareness Event.**

F069/09

**FILEY SOUTHDENE BOWLING CLUB - £500 awarded in 2008/2009**

**(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 to Filey Southdene Bowling Club towards providing a new Pavilion for the Filey Southdene Bowling Club.**

F070/09

**THE FILEY TAPESTRY – New application**

**(Stat. Power Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 – Provision of entertainments and support of the arts)**

Amount requested for tapestry wools, silks and cottons to continue the two tapestry panels for 'A Stitch In Time' project

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that a grant of £1,000 be awarded to The Filey Tapestry to provide tapestry wools, silks and cottons to continue the two tapestry panels for 'A Stitch In Time' project.**

F071/09

**FILEY YOUTH FOUNDATION - £500 awarded in 2008/2009**

**(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 £700.00 be awarded to the Filey Youth Foundation towards grants to local young people for equipment etc applying to the Filey Youth Foundation** **F072/09**

*Cllr D Murton and Cllr Mrs Wright(although not present at the meeting but at previous meetings) 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*

**FILEY 4WARDS DEVELOPMENT TRUST – new application**

**(No statutory power to support this application)**

Amount requested for set up costs and feasibility study to identify usage/costs of land rear of Filey Railway Station.

**RESOLVED: That it be recommended to full Council that this application be REFUSED due to not meeting statutory powers.** **F073/09**

**DRAFT PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2009/2010**

Members discussed in detail the draft precept requirement for 2009/2010 in line with the draft budget for 2009/2010. The RFO highlighted that there was a shortfall in income of £30,500 needed to be able to undertake the council's expenditure and council projects, this being mainly due to:

- £100,000 grant awarded to the Filey Boys and Girls Club Sports Facility in 2008 had reduced the capital to gain interest from and
- Bank Interest Rates affected by the Credit Crunch had considerably reduced the amount of bank interest which the Town Council receives to support its expenditure and it was not thought likely bank interest rates would improve throughout 2009/2010.

Members noted that a considerable amount of capital funds had been utilised over the past year by the Town Council in supporting the provision of youth facilities in the Town e.g. £100,000 for Filey Boys and Girls Club, £5,000 towards the Multi-Use Games Area and a further £5,000 towards the Sports Facility Reserve. In previous years the Town Council was able to subsidise its precept with income from bank interest and its reserves to support its expenditure to deliver a broad range of local services. The RFO had previously circulated to Members a report detailing example precept rates and Band D Equivalents for varying options for consideration and Members were also provided with statistics on how many households in Filey pay reduced (47%) and no (3%) council tax and it was confirmed that all Council Tax Benefits are paid by Central Government.

Members considered in great detail how they could address the shortfall in income and still deliver the same high level of service. The RFO stated that the majority of the Council's reserves were earmarked for capital purposes only, with the exception of the Unearmarked Reserve and the General Fund Balance. Members considered that this was a hard decision to undertake in the present financial climate and would be possibly even harder next year if the precept was not raised to address the shortfall. A 2% levy on the precept had already been agreed by the full council (Minute F893/08) in January 2009 to support the Southern Parish Cluster.

A proposal was made and duly seconded to set the Precept at £112,380 (currently £89,880 for 2008/2009) for 2009/2010 which equates to £6.73 per annum for a Band D council taxpayer and the sum of £8,000 would be earmarked from the Unearmarked Reserve to support the Precept. The proposal was carried by 4 votes for and 1 vote against. 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 detailed information would be given in the Town Council Newsletter which is distributed in March/April 2009.

**DRAFT PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2009/2010 continued**

*The following figures have since been provided by Scarborough Borough Council (as the Billing Authority) to confirm the Band ratings which include rounding up and collection rates which were not available at the Finance Meeting.*

<b>BAND</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>	<b>INCREASE (22.13%)</b>
Band A	£21.42	£26.16	£4.74
Band B	£24.99	£30.52	£5.53
Band C	£28.56	£34.88	£6.32
Band D	£32.13	£39.24	£7.11
Band E	£39.27	£47.96	£8.69
Band F	£46.41	£56.68	£10.27
Band G	£53.55	£65.40	£11.85
Band H	£64.26	£78.48	£14.22

It was

**RESOLVED :** That a recommendation be made to full council that the Precept is set at £112,380 for 2009/2010 to include a 2% levy (£1,680) to support the Southern Parish Cluster as previously agreed by the full council (Minute F893/08). **F074/09**

**RESOLVED:** That a press release be issued by the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee and detailed information be provided in the Town Council Newsletter as agreed above. **F075/09**

**DRAFT BUDGET 2009/2010**

The RFO had applied efficiency savings as detailed on the draft budget report and this was explained in detail to members. Members agreed that a shortfall in income of £8,000 would be required to be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve for inclusion in the 2009/2010 budget if the precept of £112,380 was agreed by the full council to support the income and expenditure budget of £176,843 for 2009/2010. After discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** That a recommendation be made to the full council that a sum of £8,000 be transferred from the Unearmarked Reserve in 2009/2010 to support the council's expenditure for projects as outlined in the 2009/2010 draft budget. **F076/09**

**RESOLVED:** That the draft budget of £176,843 for 2009/2010 as amended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee be recommended to full Council for approval as attached hereto. **F077/09**

**MODEL AGREEMENT TENDERS**

The RFO informed Members that the tender documents had been thoroughly checked by Officers at Scarborough Borough Council and had met current contract requirements, the advertisement had been placed for the tender contracts for Cemetery Grounds Maintenance for the Lawns Cemetery and for the maintenance of Public and Commemorative Seating with a closing date for tenders to be received by 12noon on Monday 23 February 2009. The RFO requested that the sealed tenders were opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, the Town Clerk and also the Town Council's Health & Safety Risk Advisor who would advise on the risk assessments submitted by each contractor and this was agreed by Members. The RFO informed Members that the tender contracts would be considered by Members at the next Finance meeting on 25 February 2009. It was

**RESOLVED:** That the above information be noted. **F077A/09**

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the press and public are excluded in accordance with Standing Order 68 for the following items of business being in relation to terms of tenders, proposals in negotiations for contracts. **F078/09**

**FILEY TOWN GUIDE**

Members were circulated with estimates for the printing/production and the artwork for the Filey Town Guide 2010/2010. Members considered the quotations in detail and it was

**RESOLVED:** That a recommendation be made to full council to award Duffield Printers the contract for the Filey Town Guide 2010/2011 up to a cost of £10,240 to include printing and artwork/typesetting costs as necessary. **F079/09**

***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