

FILEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21 APRIL 2010

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

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 **F307/010**

APOLOGIES

All members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee were present at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That this information be noted. **F308/010**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared in items on the agenda at this point but the Chairman informed Members that they could make a declaration of interest at any point during the meeting. It was

RESOLVED : That it be noted no declarations of interest were declared. **F309/010**

REVIEW OF INSURANCE POLICY

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Town Council's Insurance Policy for 2010/2011 and reviewed the insurance cover as detailed on the schedule. The RFO stated that the Insurance Policy now included Business Continuity and Terrorism cover as requested by Members of the Committee. The RFO was requested to clarify items on Part C – All Risks which were marked 'Anywhere within Territorial Limits of YO14 9HE' to ensure that these items were covered when used outside the area particularly for Civic Regalia. The RFO was also requested to clarify whether a premises address should be included for the Filey Tapestries and the Mayors Consort Badge as these were not identified on the policy. Members together with the RFO reviewed all details of the insurance policy and stated that they were confident that suitable and adequate insurance was in place to provide cover for the Town Council and its functions. It was

RESOLVED: That the review of the Town Council's insurance policy be accepted.

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RESOLVED: That the RFO be instructed to clarify the items outlined in Part C – All Risks of the Policy with the Insurers and report back to the next Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting. **F311/010**

SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME

a) Statistical Information provided by Mr K Wardell, SBC Corporate Accountant

Cllr J Haxby informed Members that following a Freedom of Information request the Town Council had initially received a detailed breakdown of Capital Expenditure for the whole of the Borough from 2006-2010 from by Mr K Wardell, Scarborough Borough Council's Corporate Accountant and he had analysed the spreadsheet statistical information provided.

b) Response analysis compiled by Cllr J Haxby and forwarded to Mr K Wardell

Cllr J Haxby informed Members that by compiling his analysis he had excluded the following items:

- Excluded all DDA (Disabled Discrimination Access) expenditure (*as this is statutory expenditure throughout the Borough*)
- Excluded all expenditure outside the core areas of Scarborough/Filey/Whitby
- Excluded all expenditure relating to Coastal Defence Strategies (*as mainly externally funded*)
- Excluded expenditure relating to Flood Remedial Works (Filey/Spa) – (*this money came from a reserve insurance pot*)

The following items have been split between Scarborough/Whitby and so have been ignored :-

- Excluded £400,000 relating to Scarborough Market/Whitby Pavilion stone repair.
- Excluded £89,000 Scarborough/Whitby Dredging Barge
- Excluded all expenditure relating to 'ALL' Borough items on the spreadsheet

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SCARBOROUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME continued

On analysis, the remaining figures showed that the capital expenditure per elector identified that there was a 2:1 ratio of capital expenditure for Scarborough and Whitby in comparison to capital expenditure of only a 1:2 ratio for Filey. They also showed a 12 : 6 : 1 ration of expenditure per elector Scarborough : Whitby : Filey. Cllr Haxby's analysis was then sent to Mr Wardell for comment with a repeat request for capital expenditure for the Stephen Joseph Theatre over the last four years which had not been provided.

c) Response and further statistical information received from Mr K Wardell

Cllr J Haxby informed Members that a Reconciliation Spreadsheet was provided by Mr K Wardell to those figures provided by Cllr Haxby confirming that total expenditure from Scarborough Borough Council Capital Schemes amounted to £1,612,000 (including internal and external funding). Mr Wardell stated that Cllr Haxby's figures did not include DDA, Coastal Studies or Flood Remedial Work expenditure despite him being told in a covering explanation with the original figures sent. Mr Wardell stated that there had been an error in that the Spa Energy Management was included in Table 1 but had been omitted in Table 4, he also confirmed that in terms of the Stephen Joseph Theatre there had been no expenditure from the Council's Capital programme over the previous four years and all funding related to the theatre is of a revenue nature and therefore excluded from the capital programme.

d) Further analysis compiled by Cllr J Haxby

Cllr J Haxby explained to Members that he then compiled a further analysis, including DDA, Coastal Defence and Flood Remedial Work monies from the original information provided by Mr K Wardell making the following observations and highlighting how the information had been compiled:

- DDA Filey Country Park - £4,000 does not appear in original spreadsheet
- DDA Evron Centre - £10,000 does not appear in original spreadsheet

The above two items were not included in this analysis as they did not appear on the original spreadsheet supplied by Mr. Wardell.

- Dredging Barge costs (£89,000) split equally between Scarborough and Whitby
- Power Perfector costs (£48,000) split equally between Scarborough and Whitby
- Harbour Dredging Pump costs (£57,000) split equally between Scarborough and Whitby
- Scarborough Market/Whitby Pavilion Stone & Roof Restoration costs (£400,000) split equally between Scarborough and Whitby
- Various DDA - £361,000 not allocated to either Scarborough, Whitby or Filey

Cllr J Haxby went on to state that this version of the analysis showed that Filey only receives a quarter of capital expenditure per elector in comparison to Scarborough. However, members still felt it unfair that DDA, Coastal Studies and Flood Remedial Work (£1,025,000) should be included as this work did not directly benefit the local community. Members also felt that the major capital expense of the Filey Country Park Toilet Block (£168,000) ought to be excluded, as again, this work did not directly benefit the local community.

Members considered Cllr J Haxby's information and agreed that the further analysis should be sent to Mr K Wardell for comment and it was imperative to confirm which set of borough figures were in fact correct. It was agreed that an informal meeting of the full council be arranged with Scarborough Borough Council's Head of Finance and Corporate Accountant with an invitation also being sent to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr Jane Kenyon to attend the meeting. Members thanked Cllr J Haxby for compiling the analysis with support from the RFO. It was

RESOLVED: That the above information be noted and the informal meeting as detailed above be arranged as soon as possible.

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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 the awarding of contracts by the council.

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FILEY TOWN MAP

Members were circulated with a recommendation from the Filey Town Guide and Map Working Party for the printing and publication of the Filey Town Map for 2011/2012 together with three quotations for consideration. After discussion and consideration it was

RESOLVED: That a recommendation be made to full council that Duffields Printers be awarded the contract for the Filey Town Map 2011/2012 at a maximum cost of £4,505.00 (including typeset and print) for 40,000 copies.

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

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

Councillor D G Murton
Chairman
Finance & General Purposes Committee