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Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes of Finance and General Purpose Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 1pm in St Peter's Hall, Holly Lane, Balsall Common CV7 7EA

Minutes

Present: Councillor Will Heard (Chair), Councillor Mark Tattum, Councillor Judy Lea, Councillor Christina O'Sullivan, Councillor Helen Dean and Marie-Louise Marsden as a members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. To approve the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2017 as a true record.
Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 12 December 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Public Forum**
There were no members of the public.
5. **To receive an update on the progress of resolutions of the last meeting.**
It was confirmed that the NDP grant as applied for was received from Groundwork UK (Item 9).
Item 6 resolved to adopt the budget principles to be used in setting the 2018/19 budget as amended and refer to Parish Council for approval. However at Parish Council Item 10, it was resolved to further amend and principle A was amended to read "Earmarked reserves for HS2 in 2017/18 will be maintained into 2018/19".
However this amendment is null and void. Councillor Lloyd proposed the amendment however his declared interest in HS2 and dispensation allows for debate only. Therefore in the budget setting process, this committee should

utilise the 2018/19 budget rationale and principles as unamended in relation to principle A.

6. To consider for approval grant application for £2,000 from Heart of England School for School Jazz Band and Specialist Music Tuition.

This item was withdrawn in order to ensure compliance with the Grant Awarding Policy.

It was moved by the Chair that the following item is in closed session. It was resolved to exclude members of the public in view of the nature of the business about to be transacted as otherwise this would be disclosure of them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. To engage a legal adviser to represent the Parish Council in negotiation with the West Midlands Pension Fund following receipt of a cessation valuation. It was resolved to seek the engagement of a legal adviser to represent the council's interest in negotiation with WMPF.

8. To review expenditure in 2017/18 and consider and approve Budget for 2018/19.

Resolved to approve the budget for 2018/19 as presented at the meeting and to recommend acceptance by full Council.

Thanks are to be given to Brian and Elaine Ball for their work in providing the floral display in the Balsall Common centre planters.

9. To agree a recommendation to be made to Parish Council for the setting of the Precept for 2018/19.

Resolved to recommend a precept of £75,306 for 2018/19 representing a 24% reduction in payment by a Band D property on the 2017/18 level to the full Council.

10. Correspondence

(10.1) Email of thanks received from Heart of England School.

This item was noted.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 14 March, 6.00pm in the Westlake Room, The Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FF

SIGNED Will Heard (Chair) DATE