

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Present F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard JP (EB), Councillor Mrs. S. Crew (SC), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), D. Turner (DT), D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and G.E. Horton (GEH),

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley and her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips were also present.

329. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. DB, Mrs. PFW and GEH.

330. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman remarked that the Christmas decorations in the town looked fantastic and gave a big thank you to all involved.

331. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. AL, DEW and Mrs. JMS – any item from or relating to Hubbard's Hills – as members of the Hubbard's Hills Trust.
- b. Cllr. DT – agenda item 6b – as the Parish Church is his landlord.

332. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. AL, seconded by Cllr. DEW it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 18th October 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

333. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

334. Correspondence

The Committee noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **From:** Begbies Traynor **Re:** Action for Market Towns – no dividends will be paid as there are no funds remaining after expenses.
- b. **From:** Smith of Derby **Re:** Annual Service Agreement at £194 pa – Committee to consider inclusion in 2017/18 budget (St James Church Parish Clock mechanism).
Following a proposal by Cllr. DT, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. EB it was **RESOLVED** that the Council should provide the £194 for the Annual Service above and build £200 into the budget for future years.

335. Grants Validation

The Committee noted that:

- a. FOG had validated applications and made recommendations following receipt of grant applications 2016.
- b. Applications would be considered by the Town Council on 13th December 2016.

336. Precept / Budget 2017/18

The Committee noted that FOG had collated Committee budgets and received 3 different possible models of 10 year projections. Cllr. AL proposed, as the Chair of the Hubbard's Hills Trust, that the Council consider increasing their contribution to the HH Trust by £10,000 for day to day maintenance costs. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** that the Hubbard's Hills Budget should be increased by £10,000 but that this should be reviewed in 2017 when budget setting takes place for 2018. The Town Clerk informed Councillors that she had not yet received the Tax Base information from ELDC and that the figures were still provisional to be presented to the Governance and Finance Committee on 3rd January 2017, followed by Town Council approval on 17th January 2017.

Cllr. Mrs. JMS abstained from voting.

337. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 3rd January 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 9.49pm

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____

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