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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON TUESDAY MAY 6th 2008 AT 8.15pm

Committee Members Present : [in alphabetical order]	Chairman	I Potts
	Councillors	KJ Budding
		PR Elliott
		Mrs E Langan
		J Pape
		Mrs C Patterson
Apologies from Committee Members :	Vice Chairman	HR Potts
	Councillors	
Copies to all remaining Members of Council for information, <i>some of whom were in attendance at this Committee Meeting in an advisory capacity.</i>		

F1/05/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the Chairman on the Committee's behalf.

F2/05/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on March 31st 2008, were a true and accurate record.

The Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Any recommendations contained in these minutes had been considered for adoption by Council on April 9th 2008.

F3/05/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None this month.

F4/05/08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

None this month.

F5/05/08 FINANCE WORKING PARTY MINUTES & DRAFT CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2008-09

(Copies of Finance WP Minutes were given to all Cllrs)

RECOMMEND to Council that all suggestions contained in the Finance WP minutes (numbered 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3 and 4) be carried out, subject to a proviso that number four be revisited if it becomes apparent that the RFO's workload is going to be adversely effected.

RECOMMEND to Council that the meetings calendar (*Council meetings moved to the 3rd Wednesday, Town Meeting in May, both to give the RFO sufficient time to prepare figures after Bank Stmts had been received*) therefore be adopted but that the June committees be changed from Monday to Tuesday to avoid the trotting races during Horsefair.

RECOMMEND to Council that delegated authority be returned to the Planning Committee to submit planning comments on Council's behalf, as previously.

F6/05/08 RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The RFO's Report was received and noted. Her suggestion that the People's Millions grant application be left until next year when better preparation could be achieved was agreed by the Committee.

ACTION

IP

RFO

F7/05/08 DRAFT ACCOUNTS FOR 2007-08

It was **AGREED** that two reserve accounts would be created within the accounts, a buildings repair account for £24,000 to be kept specifically for building repairs and also £1,500 towards computer replacements. Bus shelter funds of £3,400 were already set aside.

F8/05/08 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED BY WORKING PARTIES

RECOMMEND to Council that £100 be paid for recent Heart of Eden Parish Plan pre-survey work (newsletter and insert for the Herald).

RFO

F9/05/08 PUBLIC HALL WORKING PARTY MINUTES

(Copies of Public Hall WP minutes were given to all Cllrs)

RECOMMEND to Council that all suggestions contained in these minutes be agreed.

F10/05/08 T.I.C. WORKING PARTY MINUTES

(Copies of T.I.C. WP minutes were given to all Cllrs)

RECOMMEND to Council that the (only) suggestion to curtail discussions with Bluebell Books be agreed.

F11/05/08 RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR 2007-08

This item was deferred until May 21 full Council.

F12/05/08 CHURCH CLOCK

RECOMMEND to Council that a volunteer be sought to climb the steps each time it was necessary to change the time. Names to be brought to May 21 Council meeting.

ALL

F13/05/08 SUGGESTION THAT ATC TAKE OVER STREET CLEANING FROM EDC

RECOMMEND to Council that ATC do not consider taking over street cleaning from EDC at this time.

F14/05/08 CORRESPONDENCE

RECOMMEND to Council that a reply be sent to Eden Community Outdoors to express support and say the Council was very concerned about their position and would like to receive their grant application form for a specific sum towards their rental arrears in time for the September meeting. *(Grants are considered twice yearly, in March and September)*

Clerk

F15/05/08 LATE CORRESPONDENCE AFTER AGENDA PUBLISHED

None outstanding this month.

F16/05/08 NEXT MEETING

Before the meeting closed, the Mayor updated Members on his price comparisons for the new town flags. **RECOMMEND** to Council that the lowest price of **£239** for three flags be accepted.

SR

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on **Monday June 2nd** at **7.45pm** in the Moot Hall, **or upon the rising of the Planning Committee.**

ALL

There being no further business, **the meeting closed at 9.50pm.**