



# RYDE

## TOWN COUNCIL

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RYDE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017 IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM,  
COUNCIL OFFICES, 10 LIND STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

PRESENT: Councillors Henry Adams, Adrian Axford, Charles Chapman,  
Karen Lucioni, Phil Jordan, Jim Moody, Malcolm Ross, Tim Wakeley,  
Wayne Whittle

IN ATTENDANCE: Gareth Hughes (Responsible Financial Officer), Liz Dutton  
(Administration Officer) Steve Boswell (Procurement Officer),  
Cllrs Michael Lilley and Nancy Farrell

1 member of the public was present

(Before the beginning of the meeting the Mayor asked for a few moments silence to  
remember those affected by recent events in Manchester)

#### 34/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

##### RESOLVED:

That Tim Wakeley be elected as Chairman.

#### 35/17 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

##### RESOLVED:

That Phil Jordan be elected as Vice-Chairman.

#### 36/17 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### 37/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Moody declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 48/17 as a member of Ryde Historic Society.

Cllr Whittle declared an interest in item 51/17

38/17 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests had been received.

39/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2017 be approved as an accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

40/17 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The dates of the meetings for the Finance Committee for 2017/18 were noted.

41/17 TIMETABLE FOR THE AWARD OF COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017/8

The timetable for the awards of Community Grants for 2017/18 was noted.

42/17 BANK RECONCILIATION

The Committee received and noted the bank reconciliation for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that he would circulate an updated sheet showing the accruals.

43/17 ANNUAL RETURN AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2016/2017

Consideration was given to the Annual Return and Annual Accounts for the year 2016/2017. The Responsible Financial Officer explained that the Annual Return would be submitted to the External Auditor and agreed to send a copy to members of the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That the Annual Accounts and Annual Return for 2016/2017 be approved and that the Annual Return be submitted to the External Auditor.

44/17 DIRECT DEBITS FOR 2017/18

Members noted the current list of direct debits that had been set up on the bank account.

45/17 WARMER HOMES INITIATIVE

The Committee received and noted the latest report and invoice from the Footprint Trust regarding the Warmer Homes Initiative which gave details of the number of home visits undertaken and costs to date. Members were keen to invite a representative from the Trust to attend a future meeting of the Finance Committee to update the Committee on the progress of the project.

46/17 MARKETING WORKING PARTY

Consideration was given to appointing three members to the Marketing Working Party.

RESOLVED:

That Cllrs Karen Lucioni, Henry Adams and Malcolm Ross be appointed to the Marketing Working Party.

47/17 WARD ALLOCATIONS – LETTERS RECEIVED

Members noted that letters of thanks had been received from Haylands Farm and SONUS following recent ward allocations.

48/17 COMPLETION REPORTS

The Committee noted that completion reports had recently been received from the Isle of Wight Bus & Coach Museum and Historic Ryde Society in respect of grants that had been awarded.

49/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

THAT in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) and Standing Order no.80, the public and press be temporarily excluded for the following items in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

50/17 CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REGARDING ROAD CROSSING PATROL SERVICE

Consideration was given to a letter received from Isle of Wight Council regarding the cost of funding two Road Crossing Patrols for the 2017/2018 academic year. The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that there was no provision made in the budget to continue funding this service. After discussion the Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That funding in relation to the two Road Crossing Patrols be continued for the academic year 2017/2018.

51/17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – CONTRACT WAVIER FOR ADDITIONAL LITTER BIN EMPTYING

The Procurement Adviser introduced the report requesting a wavier to allow additional litterbin emptying in accordance with the Council's contract standing orders. Concerns were raised over existing style of bins being used and the current frequency of bin emptying.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the request for a waiver of the Contract Standing Orders of the Council for the purchase of additional litter bin emptying be approved on the terms set out in the confidential report.
- (ii) That the Clerk to the Council be given Authority to instruct the contractor to undertake the additional litter bin emptying under its existing contractual arrangements for the period and sum set out in the confidential report.

52/17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT – CONTRACT WAVIER REQUEST WALLGATE SERVICE

The Procurement Adviser introduced the report requesting a waiver from Contract Standing Orders in order to continue to buy into a contract for the service for Wallgate units. Matters were raised concerning the management and condition of the premises.

RESOLVED:

THAT wavier on the terms and conditions as set out in the report be noted.

53/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Tuesday 20 June 2017.

CHAIRMAN

DATE