

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE GARDEN ROOM, THE AMORY CENTRE, 125 EAST STREET, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 8.30AM

Present: In the Chair Cllr M. F. Way
Town Mayor Cllr S. W. Lock
Cllr M. Cornelius Cllr D. J. Goodman
Cllr M. J. Kingdon Cllr Mrs C. Lock

In Attendance: Town Clerk Mr A. C. Coates

F69/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bushell, Foster and Lewis

F70/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed Mark Tucker of the George Hotel to the meeting.

F71/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were read out by the Town Clerk:

Cllr Kingdon – DPI – Item 7 – Tenant

Cllr Way – Personal Interest – Item 7 - Tenant

F72/16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved.

F73/16 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that accounts in the sum of £33321.07 be approved for payment.

F74/16 **USE OF ENHANCEMENT – THE GEORGE HOTEL**

Mark Tucker gave a brief outline to members regarding his proposal for a 'Little George' on the enhancement followed by a number of questions from Councillors. It was RESOLVED that the decision on whether or not to allow the use of the enhancement as detailed be considered at the next meeting of the Town Council and if approved, a rent of £800 for the first year be set and this will be reviewed at the end of this period.

It was agreed that the next item on the agenda be considered at the end of the meeting.

F75/16 **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Members noted that the Town Clerk had previously advised that Mr Ken Abraham, who has been the Town Council's Internal Auditor for several years, is no longer able to provide this service due to ill health. The Clerk

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was requesting permission to appoint another auditor, recommended by Barnstaple Town Council, and it was RESOLVED Stuart Wilbur, of the Local Government Resource Centre, be appointed.

F76/16 **SOUTH MOLTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Members noted that a request had been received from the above to release the £500 previously allocated for surveys as they have now purchased the necessary land. It was RESOLVED that this request be approved. It was also RESOLVED that the Town Clerk requests a loan repayment schedule for the £2000 previously paid to the Rugby Football Club as agreed by this Committee.

F77/16 **GRAND PIANO IN TOWN HALL**

Members noted that the Town Clerk had obtained a valuation for the piano in the Town Hall and will place this item on the agenda of the Town Council for March 2017.

Cllr Kingdon declared a DPI in the next item and left the meeting.

F78/16 **AGRICULTURAL TENANCY – PART COMMON MOORS**

Jenni Payne from the Wetlands Committee talked to members about the possible Wetlands scheme and how it could benefit South Molton in conjunction with other projects. No resolution was passed on this agenda item.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.52am.

Chairman

Date