

FINCHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
7.00 PM on 12 JUNE 2019
FBC CENTRE, GORSE RIDE NORTH, FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKSHIRE

PRESENT: Cllr R. Woof, Chair. Cllr S. Bromley, Vice Chair.
Cllrs R. Cundy, D. Cornish, Mrs B. Eytley, G. Jukes OBE, R. Rampton
and G. Veitch.

Mrs K. Dagnall, Clerk.

234/2019 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

235/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following non-pecuniary declarations were received:

Cllr Bromley: California Ratepayers Hall, Finchampstead Memorial Hall.

Cllr Cundy: California Ratepayers Hall, Finchampstead Memorial Hall.

236/2019 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2019 were agreed as a true record.

237/2019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Any matters arising will be carried forward to the meeting to be held on 3 July 2019.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

238/2019 DONATION TO THE FBC CENTRE

The Council has in previous years made donations to the Memorial Hall and Ratepayers Hall in recognition of the value of the facilities to the community, and the Council's use of meeting rooms at the Halls.

While the Council pays rent and service charges for its Office in the FBC Centre, no donation is made towards the use of rooms. However, in the last 6 months the Council's use of rooms at the Centre has increased significantly due to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) project, the move of most Planning Committee meetings to the Centre, and an increase in other Council meetings held at the Centre.

It was agreed that as a gesture of goodwill the Finchampstead NDP Group would make a donation of £500 to the Centre. The Clerk will arrange for the Centre to send an invoice to the Group care of the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the NDP Group would consider the use of the California Ratepayers Hall Committee Room for meetings.

Donations to other Halls will be discussed at the Committee meeting on 9 October 2019 along with donations and grants to other organisations.

239/2019 GRANT APPLICATION

The Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) Community Engagement Officer for Gorse Ride has submitted an application for a grant towards a week of activities for 9–14 year olds during the 2019 summer holidays.

The project includes the provision of a games wagon, graffiti workshops and cinema trips and will benefit the young people, low income families, the wider community and support services in various ways.

A grant of £500 towards the total project cost of £1100 was unanimously agreed, subject to ratification by Main Council at its meeting on 19 June 2019.

The Clerk will contact the Community Engagement Worker to establish if the project could be extended to allow more young people to benefit. The Clerk will also suggest that Wokingham United Charities could be approached for funding.

240/2019 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

It was agreed at the meeting held on 24 April 2019 that the Council should develop a CIL policy to cover how the Council will manage CIL going forward.

A document developed by Cllr Woof was circulated prior to and at the meeting. Cllr Woof outlined why the Council should have a policy, and the risks associated with this.

It was agreed that a brief policy statement should be produced, together with a note on the decision making process and criteria. It was agreed that the priority with the decision making process is for the Council to have a costed and prioritised project list, linked to the priorities identified by residents in the household consultation.

Cllr Woof and the Clerk will draft the above and will circulate this for comments.

241/2019 PROJECT LIST

It was agreed at the meeting held on 24 April 2019 that the current Parish Council project list should be reviewed, updated and prioritised. This will enable selected projects to be developed further from feasibility through to outline proposals and cost estimates as appropriate.

The current project list was circulated prior to the meeting. Amendments and additions were discussed and will be incorporated in a revised list which will be circulated for further comments.

242/2019 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 3 July 2019.

These minutes are subject to final approval at the next meeting of the Committee