

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th JUNE 2004

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mesdames Harrison and Holmes, Messrs. Mackin, Wren, Gray and Coward.

1. APOLOGIES

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. SKATE TUBE– SUMMER FAYRE

An e:mail from P C Battams suggested that a letter should be written to three youths thanking them for giving up their time to assist in the erection of the mobile skate tube at the recent Summer Fayre. Members agreed and a letter of thanks will be issued.

4. AN INVITATION FROM BEDS C C – RE QUALITY COUNCILS MEETING

An invitation from Beds R C C has been received inviting a member and an officer to attend a forthcoming meeting on 2ND July at 10.00 a.m. at the MBDC offices in Ampthill. This is to be an exploratory meeting to discuss the issues of Charters and Quality Councils. Mr. Mackin and Mrs. Harrison informed members that they would attend.

5. 'MAKE A WISH' INITIATIVE

Although members supported this initiative they felt unable to offer any funding as there were no potential recipients in the town.

6. CLERK'S GRATUITY

Preliminary discussions were held in camera regarding the provision for the clerk's gratuity.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wren was thanked for his excellent work in organising the Parade at the start of the Summer Fayre. As the required insurance cover was less than expected it was RECOMMENDED that £50 be given to the Majorettes for all the hard work they had put into their routines.

It was decided that each member of the public should only be allotted 10 minutes of the clerk's time for public access. Letters giving details of a public concern can be passed to the Clerk, these can then be issued to the appropriate Committee for response.

The Standing Orders were reviewed and it was decided to amend the word 'rates' to 'Council Tax' and to include the amount a Committee was allowed to authorise without consultation to the full Council. This amount RECOMMENDED to full Council is £250.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
