

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE WOOLSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB, HALL ROAD, WOOLSTON
ON 20 JUNE 2018**

Present: Councillor A McCarthy (Chairman)
Councillors: M Banner, D Nowell, J Greenslade,
MH Greenslade, M Pearce, S Rydzkowski, P Wright

Apologies for absence: Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill, B Maher

**FG1 Code of Conduct – declarations of interest
Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**

No declarations were made at the opening of the meeting.

FG2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Councillors M Creaghan, AJ Hill, D Hill and B Maher.

FG3 Minutes

Resolved,
That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2018 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

FG4 Development of website

The Committee noted that there were no matters to report.

FG5 Audit of Accounts 2017-18

The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2017-18 including the statement of accounts and to the Annual governance statements and the Accounting statements for 2017-18:

Recommended,
That

1. the report of the Internal Auditor on the accounts for 2017-18 be accepted, including the statement of accounts, and
 - a. the Fixed Asset Register be amended to reflect the amount of VAT that can be reclaimed;
 - b. the guidance regarding the impact of the General Data Protection Regulations be accepted;
2. approval be given to (1) the Annual governance statements and (2) Accounting statements for 2017-18.

FG6 Butterfly Centre – reference from Council

The Committee considered the continued support for public use of the Centre in association with LiveWire CIC for a Tea Room. Details were noted of the additional publicity provided through the Neighbourhood Team:

Recommended

That

1. approval be given to continued support for the Tea Room through the payment of room hire until the end of September 2018 and the matter be reviewed at the September meeting of this Committee;
2. members of the Neighbourhood Team be invited to attend a future meeting to report on their work and the operation of the Tea Room event.

FG7 General Data Protection Regulations

No matters to report.

FG8 Applications for grant aid

No applications to report.

FG9 Chairman's badge of office

Councillor Nowell reported on the style of the current badge of office in comparison with those of other councils and of its suitability for certain events:

Recommended,

That support be given to the Chairman for determining the length of time for wearing the badge of office at events and to the use of an alternative badge to identify the Chairman.

FG10 Business raised by Council Members – report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Councillor Banner noted the submission of the Panel's report on Members' Allowances to the meeting of the Borough Council on 18 June 2018 and referred to the comparison made in reviewing the payments made to members and officers and considered that similar consideration should be given to employees of the parish council:

Recommended,

That further consideration be given to this matter.

Chairman.....