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WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee (F&GP) held on Monday 8 March 2010 at 7.30 pm

Public Participation: The Meeting opened for public participation at 7.30 pm. As there were no members of the public wishing to speak, the meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Green in the Chair; and Cllrs O'Dell; Oliver; Meekins; Wegg, and Wright.

In attendance: Erbie Murat Town Clerk, and Clerk to the meeting; and Cllr Frusher.

43. Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr Farmer – work commitments

On a proposal from Cllr O'Dell and seconded by Cllr Oliver the above absence was APPROVED.

It was noted that Cllrs Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Cox were absent without apology.

44. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

45. Minutes

Members NOTED the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Monday 25 January 2010 (previously circulated), as agreed by Town Council on 22 February 2010.

46. Freedom for Jody Cundy

Members NOTED that John Smith, who is member of Friends of Park has asked that Wisbech Town Council links its ceremony for the Freedom of the Town to Jody Cundy with the formal opening of the Hudson Leisure Centre following its refurbishment. John Smith is also working towards involving all the local schools with Jody Cundy spending a few days in Wisbech visiting the schools too. He is organising a timetable etc. We are awaiting potential dates to consider.

On a proposal from Cllr O'Dell and seconded by Cllr Wright members AGREED that the date for the Freedom must be on Thurs 13, Fri 14 or Thurs 20 May 2010, if the Clerk is able to arrange these dates. If this is not possible the Freedom will be delayed until a mutually convenient date is found in the summer. In the first instance the Clerk is to write to John Smith with these options, for an urgent response from him.

47. Wisbech Youth Council Grant Application to Fenland District Council (FDC)

Members NOTED that the Youth Council has decided that it will spend the two thousand pounds grant support from Fenland District Council on the Music Festival on 6 June, and seek further funding for the Multicultural Festival for 1 August. This is to enable the Music Festival to be held in the Park, which will

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incur additional costs. Members NOTED that Bob Ollier has confirmed that FDC will not charge us for the hire of the Park on the understanding that any surplus income from the festival will be going to the Mayor's charities. Members also NOTED that the Youth Council are discussing the possibility of applying for additional funding from an alternative source for the Multi-cultural festival, and holding that in a closed location to defray some of the shortfall from FDC's inability to match fund WTC's £5,000 overall contribution.

48. Allotments

- a) Members considered purchasing a small piece of land adjoining the Allotments that the Town Council owns on Lynn Road (details tabled). On a proposal from Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Green it was AGREED that the Council purchases the land, and the Clerk offers a maximum of £500.00
- b) Members NOTED that agreement has been reached with FDC for the other allotments and we are awaiting contracts to be drawn up.

49. Policies and Procedures/Staff Handbook

On a proposal from Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Meekins members APPROVED the policies and procedures in the form of a Staff Handbook (as previously circulated), with amendments.

50. Civic Handbook/Mayor's Induction

On a proposal from Cllr O'Dell and seconded by Cllr Meekins members APPROVED the Civic Handbook/Mayor's Induction (as previously circulated), with amendments.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm



Signed

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