

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: Finance Committee	Location / Date / Time: United Reform Church 1700hrs 16/01/16
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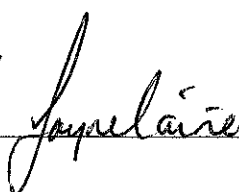
Present: (Participants) Cllr B O’Kane Cllr C Arrighi Cllr N Williams Cllr J Laine Cllr J Forster Mr L Abrahams (Clerk) Register Signed by all above	Observer: Cllr. M Guest Cllr. G Roberts No other public participation No Press
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ITEM	DETAIL	INITIALS
20 FC16/16	Apologies for absence None – The meeting commenced by consensus at	All
FC17/16	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest by members in respect of Agenda items. Cllr Arrighi asked that DOI’s be given per agenda item.	All
FC18/16	Public Participation Cllr Guest was an observer Cllr Roberts was an observer No other public in attendance Press Participation	LA
FC19/16	Cllr Guest asked the FinCom to obtain a definitive list of any re-charges by Copeland Borough Council.	MG
FC20/16	Cllr Guest expressed concern about the recent closure of the Haig Pit and asked for an investigation in to the use of the £2.4M investment and why the Lottery fund withheld payments.	MG
FC21/16	There was no press participation	N/A
FC22/16	Minutes of last meeting. It was agreed these were a true record, these were signed by the Chair.	JL/ALL
FC23/16	The meeting was opened at 1710hrs by agreement.	ALL
FC/24/16	Agenda Item 5: Cllr Laine asked for item 5 on the agenda to be deferred to part 2 of the meeting.	JL

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FC25/16	<p>Agenda item 6: The December Financial report was presented – no comments from Cllrs The Clerk informed the committee that item 2 Flowers had been repaid.</p>	LA
FC/26/16	<p>Agenda item 7: Cllr Laine asked for item 5 on the agenda to be deferred to part 2 of the meeting.</p>	JL
FC/27/16	<p>Agenda item 8: Cllr Laine asked for item 5 on the agenda to be deferred to part 2 of the meeting.</p>	JL
FC28/16	<p>Agenda item 9: It was discussed that this should take the format of a form or questionnaire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ward priorities - Inter-ward priorities - Whitehaven-wide priorities <p>Cllr Laine gave Cllr Gill's bus stop priority as a key example.</p> <p>Cllr O'Kane added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danger of isolation - Need to manage the effect of others contribution. - Need to integrate outside the public domain. - The benefits of acting together with common goals. - Need to identify responsibilities. i.e. bus stops <p>Cllr Laine: all Cllr's to liaise on this matter</p> <p>Cllr Arrighi stated Stage Coach have a duty of care for bus shelters</p> <p>Cllr O'Kane suggested the Whitehaven news be asked to run a positive feature. Asking the public to identify areas that need attention in each ward.</p> <p>Cllr Laine suggested a face book page to collect this information and to send in a Press Release to the Whitehaven News.</p> <p>Cllr O'Kane stated we have a dilemma with integration of WTC/CBC/CCC.</p> <p>Cllr Williams informed the committee that CBC have allocated funds to Cllr's for many years and it is accepted practice.</p> <p>Cllr Laine proposed a Motion to be submitted to Full council. £2000 to be ring-fenced for each Cllr.in the short term plan. This Motion was seconded by Cllr Arrighi. Cllr O'Kane amended the motion to include; All Cllr's must utilise their allocation by July 1st except in the event of exceptional circumstances that would be referred to the Finance Committee.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BOK</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BOK</p> <p>NW</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BOK</p>

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Fc/29/16	RESOLVED: That the Motion be recommended to Full Council.	ALL
FC/30/16	Cllr Laine stated there would be approx. 100 businesses who could apply for match funding of £200. Cllr O’Kane: -Need to encourage business to improve. -Needs to be moderately easy to apply.	JL BOK JL
FC31/16	Motion To Present to Full Council Recommendation to accept proposal of match funding of £200 to Whitehaven and environs businesses for shop front improvement.	ALL
FC/31/16	Training Recommendation for Full Council to accept bespoke training for WTC at a cost of £150 for training visit to Whitehaven.	ALL
FC/32/16	All councillors to be sent Grant application pack.	JL
FC/33/16	Clerk to contact Kier for possible office furniture.	BOK
FC/34/16	Resolved Finance Committee approve WTC clerk to expend up to £5000 On office set up. Clerk to have full internet access to Cumberland Building Society – to be operated under the same confines as for cheque issue.	ALL
	END Signed as a True copy Chair_ Cllr J Laine 	
	22/01/16	

