

BILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 6.30 p.m.
at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre

Present: Councillor Jim Scollen
 Marc Besford
 Daniel Forrest
 Clare Gamble
 Adam Gilburt
 Gina McCall
 Ann McCoy
 Guy Snead
 Colin Leckonby

Official: Miss Dee Smith, Town Clerk/RFO

Apologies: None

Five members of the public were also present.

40/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The usual rules about housekeeping were made

41/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gamble declared a personal interest in item 8a – Billingham Ice Hockey Club Sponsorship (Trustee of the Supporters Club), and a pecuniary interest in item 9a – Iron Guidance Grant Funding (Employee of Catalyst Stockton, manages the HAF funding).

Councillors Scollen, Leckonby & McCoy declared a personal interest in item 8b – Billingham Legacy Foundation – Supporters Group (BLF-SG) Sponsorship (members).

42/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

There were no public questions raised on this occasion.

Signed..... Date
Chairman to Billingham Town Council

43/23 MINUTES OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON 18th April 2023

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the above meeting held on 18th April 2023, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

44/23 PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LISTS

Members were asked to approve the following:

- (i) Payments to creditors for April & May 2023 for the main account.
- (ii) Payments to creditors for April & May 2023 for the cafe account.
- (iii) Staffing costs for April & May 2023.
- (vi) To note the income received for April & May 2023.
- (vii) Members were provided for information, with the bank reconciliation for all accounts up to 31st May 2023.

RESOLVED

- a. Members approved the above reports.
- b. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliations.

45/23 CAFÉ IN THE PARK – PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Members were presented with a profit and loss report for the Café in the Park, up to 31st May 2023.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

46/23 SPONSORSHIP

- (i) Members are asked to consider the attached sponsorship application for Billingham Ice Hockey Club for £10,000 (see appendix H).
- (ii) Members are asked to consider the attached sponsorship application for BLF-SG for £3600 (see appendix I).

RESOLVED

- (i) To award Billingham Ice Hockey Club £5000 sponsorship.
- (ii) To award BLF-SG £3000 sponsorship.
- (iii) To recommend to Full Council in September 2023 an increase in the

Signed..... Date
Chairman to Billingham Town Council

sponsorship budget from General Reserves, and to award Billingham Ice Hockey Club a further £5000.

Councillor Gamble declared a personal interest in item (i).

Councillors Scollen, Leckonby & McCoy declared a personal interest in item (ii)

47/23 GRANT FUNDING

Members are asked to consider the following grant applications:

- (i) Iron Guidance: £500 to provide transport for trips for children attending the summer HAF project (see appendix J);
- (ii) Billingham Synthonia Cricket Club: £500 towards a community funday (see appendix K).

RESOLVED

- (i) To award Iron Guidance £500 grant funding.
- (ii) To award Billingham Synthonia Cricket Club £500 grant funding.

Councillor Gamble declared a pecuniary interest in item (i) and left the room at 7.12pm, returning at 7.17pm.

48/23 SIGNAGE – WILDLIFE CROSSING

The Town Clerk advised members that a member of the public has asked the Town Council to consider erecting road signs asking drivers to drive carefully as hedgehogs may be on the road.

RESOLVED

- (i) To give the Town Clerk delegation to find out costings for the signs and identify suitable locations in Billingham.
- (ii) Councillors ward budgets to be considered for funding the signs (subject to agreement of all ward councillors).

49/23 DRAFT STAFFING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES – 18TH APRIL 2023

Members were asked to approve the above draft minutes (see appendix L).

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the above meeting held on 18th April 2023, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and

Signed..... Date
Chairman to Billingham Town Council

signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

50/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Members were asked to pass the following resolution:

“That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the disclosure of the following item on the agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of schedule 12A in the 1972 Act as indicated below”

Staffing Matters

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update on the current staffing matters.

RESOLVED

Information duly noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.22 pm with Councillors Scollen, Besford, Forrest, Gamble, Gilbert, Leckonby, McCall, McCoy and Snead present.

Signed..... Date
Chairman to Billingham Town Council