

SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Councillor R J Lees (Chairman)

Councillor Ms L C Howes (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor K G Basson

Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill

Councillor Ms L M Cross

Councillor P M Harman

Councillor P C Harris

Councillor K M Kelly

Councillor Mrs L Manchester

Councillor D J Mote

Councillor B E Read

Councillor Mrs I A Read

To all other Councillors: For information only.

A Meeting of the above Committee will be held on

Thursday 2 November 2017 at 7.00pm

at: The Council Offices, The Grove, Swanscombe, DA10 0GA

Grahan Blew

Graham Blew Town Clerk

Dated: 26 October 2017

Should any member have any questions regarding the content of the agenda or attached papers, please put them to the clerk's office 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.
- Substitutes.
- 3. To declare interests in items on the agenda.

At the Chairman's discretion the meeting will be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

- 4. Items as Deemed Urgent by the Chairman / matters arising from previous minutes and their position on the Agenda (*for information, not for decisions*).
- 5. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting held 7 September 2017 (Town Council 12 October 2017).

6. MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION.

In accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2, a member of the council other than the Town Mayor or a cheque signatory needs to be appointed to verify the bank reconciliations produced by the RFO for all the council's accounts on a regular basis. Councillor K G Basson was appointed under minute 57/15-16.

Recommended: That the bank reconciliations for August and

September 2017 verified by Councillor K G Basson be

noted.

7. BANK TRANSFERS (p).

In accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5 (c), please find attached a list of bank transfers undertaken in August and September 2017 for approval.

Recommended: To approve the bank transfers undertaken in August

and September 2017.

8. TO RECEIVE FINANCE STATEMENTS AND PASS ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (p).

In accordance with Financial Regulation 5.5 (a), please find attached a detailed list of all receipts and payments for August and September 2017 for approval.

Recommended: To approve receipts and payments for August and

September 2017.

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9. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS (p).

Please find attached the Summary of Accounts balanced to 30 September 2017.

Recommended: To note the Summary of Accounts balanced at

30 September 2017.

TOWN CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S (RFO) REPORT.

10. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC) CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018-19. (p).

The attached survey has been submitted by KCC and has a deadline for responses of Sunday 3 December 2017.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly

11. DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DCLG) TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON THE 2018-19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT (p).

Following consultation with the Chairman of Finance & General Purposes (FGP) Committee the attached response was submitted to this consultation.

Recommended: To endorse the response submitted.

12. REVIEW OF APPLICATION & GUIDANCE FOR FUNDING FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL (p).

In order to ensure that best practices are being undertaken the application process for awards of funding from the Town Council has been reviewed.

Attached for member's consideration are updated copies of both the application form and guidance notes with the suggested updates.

Recommended: To discuss and advise accordingly

13. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL (p).

Please find the attached applications for funding. There is currently £1,100.000 remaining in the 2017 - 18 budget for local funding applications (Cost Code 244).

A. Friends of Swanscombe Heritage Park

Recommended: To decide on the applications received and, if

successful, any amounts of funding to be awarded.

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14. ESTIMATES FOR 2018 - 2019.

As Members are aware, Officers began work on the estimates for 2018 – 2019 earlier in the year and members were first asked for any suggestions in July (minute 127/17-18), with an agreed deadline of 31 August 2017. Full Council then considered the proposals submitted at its meeting on 12 October 2017 and finalised the suggestions / projects (minute 253/17-18).

The draft Annual Estimates 2018 – 2019 will need to be approved and endorsed by the full Council in January 2018 before setting the Council Tax Base for the 2018 – 2019 financial year.

Recommended: To note



