

# Amersham Town Council

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## DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2016

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Flys (Chair)  
Councillor M Vivis (Town Mayor)  
Councillor C Morgan (Deputy Town Mayor)  
Councillor H Newton  
Councillor A Seymour  
Councillor Mrs L Staite

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Ms C Jones  
Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy  
Mr S Catanach – Town Clerk Community & Services

23. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Lacey (Deputy Chairman)  
Councillors R Jones  
Councillor N Shepherd.  
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

24. **MINUTES:**  
It was  
Proposed – Councillor M Vivis  
Seconded – Councillor A Seymour

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 June 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
There were no declarations of interest.

26. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING  
HELD ON 13 JUNE 2016:**  
There were no matters arising.

### 27. **TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT:**

The report was noted.

It was  
Proposed Councillor C Morgan  
Seconded Councillor M Vivis

### **RECOMMENDED to:**

Approve the figures for the first quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year.

28. **TO REVIEW TWINNING COSTS FOR BENSHEIM VISITORS IN JULY 2016**

It was noted that the final costs for the twinning weekend resulted in a £926 overspend on this year's annual budget of £1000 for twinning costs, but this was due to the unplanned visit by the Bensheim Burgermeister this summer.

29. **REPORT OF 2016 ARTS FESTIVAL**

The financial report for this year's Arts Festival was noted as follows:

- Total receipts (sales and donations) - £4,710.40 (down from £5,065.31 last year)
- Total Expenses - £636.44 (down from £2,891 last year)

It was however noted that these costs do not allow for staff time in administration for the event. Steve Catanach will be providing a comprehensive report on all ATC event costings at the next Council meeting.

30. **DONATION TO HEART OF BUCKS (DEMENTIA UK)**

Steve Catanach reported that the Charity Band Concert held in June to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday had raised £900 on the day. After deducting £300 to pay the band and cost of refreshments for the public, it was agreed to donate £500 to Hearts of Bucks (Dementia UK) – the previous Mayor's nominated charity.

31. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

32. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) A letter from the Interim Chief Executive of Bucks County Council had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The letter requested a meeting with Amersham Town Council to discuss proposals to streamline local government in Bucks. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for the Bucks CC representative to attend a Council meeting later in the year.

33. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) **HS2 Update**

The Clerks reported that they had met with the local HS2 Community Engagement Managers who had explained the Community Liaison Strategy for the project.

**Part two**

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.**

34. **ITEM RELATING TO AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB LEASE:**

35. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:**

36. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:**

37. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:**

38. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC STAFF:**

39. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC PROPERTY:**

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Chairman.....

Date .....

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