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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy

53. **APOLOGIES**

Councillor R Jones
Councillor N Shepherd

54. **MINUTES:**

It was

Proposed – Councillor M Vivis
Seconded – Councillor C Morgan

RESOLVED THAT:

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 November 2016 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

55. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

56. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2016:**

Councillor Flys enquired on progress with organizing a meeting with the young residents interested in fund-raising for a replacement skate-park. The Clerk reported that Zoe Richardson was waiting to hear from the youngsters on dates they were available for a meeting.

57. **TO RECEIVE THE QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORTS:**

The reports were noted.

It was

Proposed
Seconded

Councillor C Morgan
Councillor M Vivis

RECOMMENDED to:

Approve the accounts to 15th December 2016.

58. **TO REVIEW THE AUDITOR'S INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

Members noted the comments of the Internal Auditor and the Clerk's overview of the recommendations.

i) Adoption of Revised Financial Regulations

The auditor's recommendation to correct typographical errors in the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were noted and

It was	Proposed	Councillor M Flys
	Seconded	Councillor A Shepherd

To accept the corrected version of the Financial Regulations.

59. **TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILTERN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**

After discussion, it was agreed to continue the Town Council's membership of the Chiltern Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

60. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

Councillor Walsh enquired about the possibility of obtaining an additional dog bin for Chestnut Lane. The Clerk reported that Chiltern District Council requires ATC to pay for any new dog bin and charges an annual fee for emptying of the bins (currently 12 bins in Amersham). The Clerk would enquire about the cost of another bin and report to Council.

61. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

It was noted that Bucks County Council matters could be reported to Martin Tett until the current vacancy for the Amersham County Council constituency is filled in May 2017.

The Mayor reported that he had agreed to attend a discussion with Cllr Sandy Saunders (Chair of the Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils and Member of Beaconsfield Town Council) regarding the Bucks proposals for unitary authorities. However the Mayor confirmed that he will not offer any comments on behalf of Amersham Town Council, as ATC has yet to formally opine on the matter.

62. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

There were no matters for report.

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.

63. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

i) **Item relating to ATC Property**

64. **Item relating to ATC staff member**

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The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman.....

Date

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