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DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018

PRESENT:

Councillor R Jones (Chair)
Councillor C Morgan - Town Mayor
Councillor Ms C Jones - Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs J Cook
Councillor M Grimson
Councillor M Lacey
Councillor H Newton
Councillor M Vivis
Councillor Mrs L Walsh

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy
Mr S Catanach – Town Clerk Community Services

OPEN SESSION:

Members received a presentation from Mark Davies of the Churches, Charities & Local Authorities Fund (CCLA), detailing the service they offer their clients. The matter will be discussed further at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee.

56. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor A Seymour
Councillor Mrs L Staite

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

58. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2017:**
There were no matters arising.

59. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017:**

Financial Year 2017-2018

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for periods ending 30 November & 31 December 2017
- ii) Balance sheets as at 30 November & 31 December 2017
- iii) Accounts paid to 30 November and 31 December 2017

It was

Proposed - Councillor M Vivis
Seconded - Councillor C Morgan

RECOMMENDED that the quarterly finance reports for the period ended 31 December 2017 be accepted.

60. **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS:**

There were no matters for discussion.

61. **BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS:**

i) **Bucks CC Consultation on Conversion of Limited Waiting Bays to Pay & Display on King George V Road**

The proposals were considered and the following observations made:

- Members are appreciative that due to Bucks CC's budget limitations, the current parking regulations on King George V Road are unenforceable.
- Members would ask that BCC considers providing free parking for the first half hour in these parking bays.
- Mindful of the significant stress on parking provision in the town caused by the current work to extend the multi-storey station car park, Members would request that the conversion to pay & display is not implemented until after this project is completed.
- Given the proximity of the parking bays to the library car-park where there is no charge for the first half hour, Members are concerned about possible confusion for residents in the charges being made, which may result in fines being imposed, so would ask that this be borne in mind, especially immediately after any conversion is implemented.
- Concern was raised about possible displacement of vehicles onto nearby residential roads as a result of the introduction of pay & display bays. It was mentioned that existing parking restrictions (eg on Orchard Lane) are already proving inadequate and may need to be reviewed.

62. **AMERSHAM PARKING REVIEW:**

A report from the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting detailing discussions with Chesham Town Council and Little Chalfont Parish Council about their own parking reviews. It is understood that Bucks CC will be phasing in pay & display charging as part of their 'Parking Implementation Plan throughout the county.

However, given the current additional stresses on parking provision resulting from the project to extend the multi-storey station car park as well as future uncertainty around plans to redevelop the Chiltern Pools, it was felt that there would be no long-term validity if a parking review were undertaken during the next year. The Town Council's own budgetary constraints for the coming year were also a factor. Although the Town Council is keen to support residents, it was considered an inappropriate time to start such an endeavor.

63. **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.

- 64. **ITEM RELATING TO ATC STAFF:**
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The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman.....

Date

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