

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
held on MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

Present Councillor Mrs W Witter (Chairman)
Councillors F Coulse, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, and K Vickers.

Also Present Councillors P Adams, S Dear, A Rye and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

210. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillors J Evison (personal commitments) and P Shearer (holiday).

211. **Declarations of Interest**

Barton School Councils' Forum – Councillor Mr J Oxley (Personal interest)
Barton School Councils' Forum – Councillor K Vickers (Personal interest)

212. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 16 July 2012**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at a meeting of the Town Council held on 1 August 2012.

213. **Matters Arising**

See minute reference 217/84 – F&GP 15/10/12.

214. **Request for Financial Assistance**

Members considered the following received request for financial support:

(a) **Castledyke Primary School (Barton School Councils' Forum)** – Funding For School Trip

Councillor K Vickers provided background information, as to why the Forum had applied for this funding, to mark their 10th anniversary with a special event to hold a meeting at North Lincolnshire Council's Civic Centre in Scunthorpe. He felt this fulfilled an educational need, for the young people to learn and understand the democratic process of local government to expand their knowledge upon. Discussion took place regarding the educational merits of the visit. Comments made included why North Lincolnshire Council had refused to fund the cost of the bus to transport the young people to the Civic Centre, had the Forum applied for funding to other local organisations and the democratic organisation of the Schools Forum Group. Councillor Mrs W Witter made a proposal for the town council to fund the group 50% of the grant applied for. Councillor K Vickers then made an amendment to the proposal to fund 100% of the grant applied for. A vote was taken for the amendment, whereby two votes were made in favour, with three votes against. A vote was then taken for the original proposal, with five votes in favour. It was agreed and

Resolved the town council support 50% of the cost of the bus hire for the visit to North Lincolnshire Council, providing the Forum seek successful funding for the remaining 50%, from other local organisations, such as the Barton Lions/Rotary. If the Forum are unsuccessful in obtaining the remaining 50% of funding, to report this back to the town council accordingly. The cost of the donation to be taken from the town council's 2012/2013 budget – Community Regeneration (Donations/Grants s.137).

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215. **2012/2013 Budget – Quarterly Summary of Income/Expenditure**

Members present were each handed a copy of the town council's latest quarterly statement showing income/expenditure of the town council budget for the period July to September 2012. It was reported this reflected income/expenditure for the second quarter of the current financial year, and spend levels were reasonably on target. The Clerk commented that finance had been taken from the earmarked reserves to finance running of the town centre cctv system, and also funding in favour of the Barton Town Band to purchase a musical instrument. She felt spending levels were higher than she would ideally like for postage and printer consumables. However, a rise in the Royal Mail postage costs and having to print all of the North Lincolnshire Council planning applications and documents received from their website, had accounted for this. She concluded that spend levels were being closely monitored and savings made where possible to reflect the current economic climate.

Resolved that this be noted.

216. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from this meeting because publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following business, and arising out of the business to be transacted.