

**BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**held on MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in**  
**THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER**

**Present** Councillor Mrs W Witter (Chairman)

Councillors J Evison, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, N Turner, J P Vickers and K Vickers.

**Also Present** Councillors P Adams, F Coulsey and Ms C Sansam. Also, Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

187. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

188. **Declarations of Interest**

Saxby Wold Against Turbines – Councillor P Adams (Prejudicial interest)

Barton Town Band – Councillor J Evison (Personal and Prejudicial interest)

Saxby Wold Against Turbines – Councillor K Vickers (Personal interest)

189. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 18 July 2011**

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 7 August 2011.

190. **Matters Arising**

(a) **Bad Debtors** (Min Ref: 90/34 – F&GP 18/07/11)

The Clerk reported that the outstanding amount had now been paid in full, before court proceedings were implemented.

**Resolved** that this be noted.

191. **Requests for Financial Assistance**

Members considered the following received requests for financial support:

(a) **Barton Park Bowling Club** - Upgrade Pitch & Purchase Equipment

Members discussed this matter, agreed and

**Resolved** that the town council to make a donation of £100, subject to the club having other financial support of the project in place. To be taken from the Community Regeneration Committee budget 'Donations/Grants (empowered)'. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19(b) Recreational Facilities. Proposed by Councillor K Vickers, seconded by Councillor Mr J Oxley.

Councillor P Adams having declared a prejudicial interest in the following agenda item, was allowed to remain in the room by members of the committee present at this meeting.

(b) **Saxby Wold Against Turbines** – To Oppose the Saxby Wold Wind Farm Proposal

Members discussed this matter, taking into consideration advice received by the Local Council's

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Association, ERNLLCA. A vote was taken (without Councillor Adam's), resulting in 6 votes against provision of financial support. This was due to the town council not supporting lobbying groups in the past, and it was felt to support this, others would have to be treated consistently in the future and the planning application was also outside the town boundary, being in a neighbouring parish.

**Resolved** that the town council do not provide financial support to this group. Proposed by Councillor N Turner, seconded by Councillor Mr J Oxley. The Clerk to notify the group accordingly.

Councillor J Evison, having declared a prejudicial interest in the next agenda item, left the room.

### (c) **Barton Town Band** – Purchase of Music for the Barton Junior Band

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, explained the majority of the committee members present had in the past received support from the Town Band, during their respective office as Mayor of the Council. In light of this, any recommendation made, would have to be referred to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on 2 November 2011, for approval by the Council. Members discussed this matter, agreed and

**Resolved** that the town council to make a donation of £100. To be taken from the Community Regeneration Committee budget 'Donations/Grants (empowered)'. Local Government Act 1972, s.145 Entertainment and the Arts. Proposed by Councillor K Vickers, seconded by Councillor N Turner. To be approved at the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held on 2 November 2011.

Councillor J Evison re-joined the meeting.

### 192. **Unpresented Cheque Payments**

The Clerk advised members there were three outstanding town council cheques that had not been cashed by their payees. All three need to be addressed by the Auditor for the accounts system.

The first cheque was drawn February 2011, payable to CHAMP Ltd for £550 (Account 259), year 2010/2011. Although the cheque was posted to the recipient, they had allegedly not received it. The cheque to be withdrawn from the system and a new one re-issued.

The second cheque was drawn June 2011, payable to CHAMP for £50 (Account 48), year 2011/2012. This was payable for an advertisement at the Art at the Hub exhibition, which didn't take place. The cheque was therefore returned to the town council uncashed.

The third cheque was drawn September 2011, payable to The Volunteer Arms for £15 (Account 120), year 2011/2012. This was prize money for the 'Best Gardens Competition'. The recipient returned his cheque to the town council to put towards charity. The cheque to be cancelled and re-issued in favour of the Mayor's Appeal Charity Fund.

**Resolved** that this be noted, two cheque's to be re-issued by the Clerk and the Auditor to address the uncashed cheques at the year end, when the Town Council accounts are finalised for the current year.

### 193. **Town Council Media Policy**

Discussion took place whether or not to defer this agenda item to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting. It was felt it served no purpose, as guidance of a Model Policy had been received from ERNLLCA, which some council's have used as a basis to develop a policy.

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The Clerk handed out a copy of this to each member present for perusal. Following discussion, it was agreed that this was not accepted by the committee, as each member all signed up to the Code of Conduct. It was

**Resolved** not to accept and adopt a Town Council Media Policy.

194. **2011/2012 Budget – Quarterly Summary of Income/Expenditure**

Members present were each handed a copy of the latest quarterly statement showing income/expenditure of the town council budget for the period July to September 2011. It was reported this reflected income/expenditure for the first six months of the current financial year.

The Clerk explained there was a continual rise in expenditure of paper and computer consumables.