

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
held on MONDAY 16 JULY 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER

Present Councillor Mrs W Witter (Chairman)
Councillors F Coulsey, J Evison, Mrs J Oxley, Mr J Oxley, P Shearer and K Vickers.

Also Present Councillor M Martin and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

104. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received at this meeting.

105. **Declarations of Interest**

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

106. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 16 April 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 2 May 2012.

107. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

108. **Request for Financial Assistance**

Members considered the following received request for financial support:

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following agenda item, Councillor J Evison left the room while the subject matter was discussed.

(a) **Barton Town Band** – Purchase of a Marimba Musical Instrument

Discussion took place regarding a request made from the Barton Town Band. An earmarked reserve placed in the town council budget for 2012/2013 of £1,000 was agreed in principle (Min Ref: 301(d)/123 – F&GP 16/01/12 refers), for the current Salvation Army Citadel to be converted into a Performing Arts Centre by the Town Band. However, due to the lack of external funding arrangements for the project, this was unlikely to happen for several years. The Town Band now request if this earmarked reserve could be utilised towards purchase of a marimba. As the band have qualified for the National Championship Section Finals to be held at The Royal Albert Hall in October, the instrument is a key requirement of the entry and performance. The band had tried to borrow or hire one, but, this was to no avail. It was agreed and

Resolved that the earmarked reserve of £1,000 in the 2012/2013 budget be utilised towards the funding of a marimba for the town band. Subject to the following conditions, that the money to only be released by the town council if the town band are successful in raising the additional £4,995 to purchase the instrument. The deadline for this is October 2012 at the latest. Also, the town band would not be eligible to apply to the town council for any further funding for the next two years. This is borne out of some reservation as to the amount of funding provided on this occasion, and that funding was also given to the town band in the last few financial years for various projects.

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Councillor J Evison re-joined the meeting.

109. **Presented Cheque Number 104124**

The Clerk reported that a cheque issued on the 7 September 2011, which remained un-cashed at the year end, had been written off, following consultation with the auditor, as it was outside the six month period to be cashed. However, it was noted from the June bank statement, that the recipient of the cheque had now cashed it on the 11 June 2012. It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved:

- (i) the Clerk write to the bank to ask why the cheque was allowed to be cashed 9 months after it was issued;
- (ii) the Clerk to review banking arrangements with alternative banks for comparison and further discussion.

110. **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 April to June 2012. It was reported this reflected income/expenditure for the last quarter of the financial year. As this reflected the first quarter of the current financial year, spend levels were reasonably on target. It was noted the Community Regeneration budget line "Electricity-Christmas lights" showed an overspend. The budget is £500 and the amount spent £932. It was agreed and

Resolved the Community Regeneration Committee note this when discussing revised budgets for the year 2013/2014, at the budget meeting to be held on the 17 December 2012.

111. **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.