

Bungay Town Council

Report of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at the Community Centre, Upper Olland Street on Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present : Clls Barnes, Cloke, Collins, Groom, Knights and Woods

1. There were no apologies
2. No interests were declared.
3. There were no electors wishing to speak.
4. To consider a funding request from an individual seeking to engage in an overseas charitable activity.
The clerk's advice was considered. A grant of £150 was recommended.
5. To consider making a nomination for the SCC Active Community Award.
A recommendation was made to defer participation until next year (it is an annual event), particularly as the ongoing Neighbourhood Development Plan will feed into it. Preparations should start in June.
6. To consider making a financial contribution to the planned Queen's 90th Birthday event.
Standing Orders were suspended whilst further information was sought from Cllr T Reeve, a representative of the organising committee. In principle, a £500 contribution was recommended, but further information was required before the next full meeting. In particular information about the distribution of any surplus was sought and it was considered that commercial organisations trading on the site should make a realistic contribution to the event costs. Clls Barnes and Groom were nominated to be part of the organising committee.
7. To consider relocating the councillor surgeries to the town centre.
It was recommended that for a trial period of 3 months, surgeries should be re-located to the Bowerbank room, St Mary's Church. If footfall does not increase at the new location over the trial period use of the Honeypot Centre would resume. The availability and cost of hire of the Bowerbank room was unknown.
8. To receive details of the following balances:

Lloyds current :	£ 35326.22
Lloyds Instant Access:	£ 293.08
Scottish Widows Deposit:	£131244.23
Total:	£166863.53

The following cheques were approved: IRS Recruitment £ 495.85, Bungay Honeypot (food bank, s137) £50.00, Hall hire £40, total £90.00. Norse Commercial Services, trade waste Riverside, £109.20, Bungay Printers, NDP printing costs, £128.00.

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