

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Held in the Council Chambers, Tetbury on Monday 22nd May 2017 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Walsh, S Ball, J Easterbrook, J Williams

Officers: Town Clerk/RFO, S Holley

FS1. 05/17 Election of Chairman:

Councillor A Walsh was elected to serve as Chairman for the present meeting only. (Note: the Chairman for the 2017/18 Council Year would be elected at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Committee)

FS2. 05/17 Apologies for absence:

Received from Councillors S Hirst and K Painter.

FS3. 05/17 Declarations of Interest:

Minute FS5. 05/17 (i) - Councillor Ball explained that she had been invited to represent the Council at the 'Tetbury Cares' Workshop event.

Minute FS5. 05/17 (ii) - Councillor Easterbrook explained that he held a bus pass.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that neither declaration was in respect of a pecuniary interest that would prevent Councillors Ball and Easterbrook from speaking or voting, but the declarations would be recorded for openness.

FS4. 05/17 Exclusion of the Public and Press:

It was RESOLVED that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Public and Press be excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information (as defined in paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 [Information relating to financial or business affairs]), and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned.

FS5. 05/17 To consider grant applications:

(i) Tetbury Lions – 'Tetbury Cares' Workshop, 3rd June 2017 - Mr Steve Parr of the Lions was present to speak on behalf of his Committee's application. Mr Parr responded to a number of questions from the Committee and explained that the intended outcomes were to be an information website for carers and a report. The Committee suggested that the Lions also consider producing some form of monitoring or assessment report, perhaps six or twelve months after the initial report was published; Mr Parr agreed. The Committee felt that the full and helpful information provided to the Committee before and at the meeting justified the Council giving its support for the Workshop and RESOLVED to approve a one-off grant of £500 to support it. Mr Parr was thanked for attending.

(ii) Tetbury Volunteer Community Bus Committee – It was noted that the applicants had sent apologies for not sending a representative to the Meeting. The Committee acknowledged the circumstances behind that but, because the Council had deferred consideration of the application specifically in order to have a dialogue with the applicants in Closed Session, it did not feel able to approve the £500 requested without having had that conversation. However, the Committee RESOLVED to approve an initial grant of £250 as an indication of its wish to work positively with the Tetbury Volunteer Community Bus Committee in order to get the best results for the community. The Committee would be willing to consider increasing the initial grant if one or two representatives of the Tetbury Volunteer Community Bus Committee could attend a future meeting and explain their financial plans for the next two or three years.

Note: the above Grant requests were considered in Closed Session for the reasons agreed in Minute FS4. 05/17, but the decisions in this Minute are not Exempt/Confidential.

The Meeting closed at 7.38pm

Chairman Dated