

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7TH of MARCH, 2019
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Harrison (Chair), D Baker, E Harvey, J Hopkins, P Howells, J Roberts, N Shields and A Warmington

IN ATTENDANCE: M ab Owain, Interim Clerk

F.42 - 3.19 APOLOGIES: Cllr Manns.

F.43 - 3.19 INTERESTS
None.

F.44 - 3.19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None.

F.45 - 3.19 GRANT APPLICATION FROM MARITIME CADETS

As requested by Full Council, the Clerk had contacted the cadets to enquire how many hours a month they would be using the bus and if they had discussed sharing the vehicle with other community groups. Their reply had been circulated.

RESOLVED: The Committee were unhappy with their response and it was suggested the Community Transport scheme is contacted.

F.46 - 3.19 PORTABLE PA SYSTEM

The Community Hall had contacted the Clerk and asked if they could purchase the Council's public address system (purchase cost £150) or have unfettered use of the system.

RESOLVED: That the system be offered for sale to the Community Hall for £150.

F.47 - 3.19 APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND SIGNING OF CHEQUES

The Committee proposed that over the election period invoices would be checked for accuracy and veracity by the RFO and the Chair.

RESOLVED: All legitimate invoices, i.e. those previously approved by Council, would be passed for signature and payment. They would then appear on the list of payments at the next Finance and General Purposes Meeting.

F.48 - 3.19 REVIEW OF DEFERRED ITEM FROM FULL COUNCIL MEETING; ITEM 7, COMMITTEE MATTERS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE, REFER MINUTE P.25-02.19

The Traffic Management Working Party has proposed a number of measures to address speeding and traffic management in the town. These included:

- i) Rental of SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) from Herefordshire Council at the existing SID base on the Hereford Road, 4 months alternating in the summer during 2019, at a cost of £250 per month, total £1,000 plus VAT (an option is to purchase a SID at approx. £3,000 but not yet pursued).

- ii) Commission an assessment by Herefordshire Council for suitability of SID devices in Parkway, on the Ross Road and on The Southend above the school entrance at a cost of £445 each, total £1,335 plus VAT.
- iii) If confirmed suitable, purchase of 3 x SID bases at £425 each, total £1,275 plus VAT (implication of each base is rental of SIDs as above at £250 per month).
- iv) Obtain quotations from three consultants for a traffic management report on the town.

RESOLVED: The Working Party should first speak to Balfour Beatty and the Police regarding the SIDs for their comment, before the final go ahead was given (the Ward Councillor also needs to be consulted), and to go ahead and obtain the three quotations

F.49 - 3.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA INCLUSION

The date of the next, scheduled meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee is 21st March 2019.

Meeting closed.