

**Minutes of a meeting of the  
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on  
Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

**Committee Present:** Chairman Cllr R Patient, Vice Chairman Cllr Mrs P Young, Cllr Mrs C Cunningham, Cllr Mrs L Haskew, Cllr Mrs A Heath, Cllr R Mitchell, Cllr J Scrivener, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir and Members of the Hawkwell Parish Plan Group (HPPG) – Mr L Barratt and Mr E Short.

**Also Present:** Cllr Mrs E Chippette, Cllr Mrs K Cooke and Mr L A Sampson.

**41. Apologies for non-attendance at meeting:**

Cllr Mr V Leach (ill). Members accepted the apologies tendered.

**42. Declarations of any:**

**a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;**

**b) Other Pecuniary Interest; or**

**c) Non-Pecuniary Interest**

**on any matter on the agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

There were no declarations of interest.

**43. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:**

Subject to the addition of Cllr Mrs A Heath's apology for absence, omitted due to a failing in communication, Members approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 as a true record and agreed to the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting.

**44. Action Update List:**

Members noted the progress report.

**45. Financial Report (September 2012):**

The Clerk advised the report was the same as seen at Full Council and there was nothing particular to highlight for GP. There were no questions and Members accepted the Report.

**46. GP Budget 2013/14 (for Decision):**

Cllr Patient reminded the Committee of the need to work within the Fiscal Policy agreed at Full Council and Members needed to bear this in mind when coming up with new ideas.

The Clerk went through the paper giving an overview of the situation and Members agreed to go through the budget line by line.

The Clerk was asked to research funding for Cost Centre 203 Capital Projects, specifically for signage and it was agreed that if no provision could be budgeted to update the Parish Signs it was recommended that they be painted.

A discussion took place regarding street lighting but no change to the budget was proposed.

**Members approved the first budgeting round for the GP Budget for 2013/14 subject to the above action and the Youth Budget for 2013/14 was approved.**

**47. Hawkwell Action Plan – Action Points for GP (for Decision):**

The Clerk reported on progress so far that Andrew Woodley from Wyvern Community Transport had given a presentation on bus services and, previously, Stuart Mennell had liaised with the Police but there was a problem gaining use of a speed gun and no further progress had been made. Cllr Mrs Young updated from the Neighbourhood Action Meetings that PCSOs were moving forward with actions in putting a programme together, to start towards the end of the year, and they would approach the Parish Council to ask for help if it was needed.

The Chairman asked the Members of the Parish Plan Group to emphasise points they would like to prioritise for action now. Mr Short commented that Cllr Patient had recently made a point of thanking the HPPG for all they had done in putting the Action Plan together and Mr Short wished to point out that implementing the Action Plan was the hard part; it would be a thankless task and progress would be slow and he thanked HPC for eventually getting there. Cllr Patient advised most of the actions were beyond Council's control but having said that there were things that Council could lobby to RDC and ECC and that would be the sort of thing that would take time.

Mr Barratt apologised for offending anyone after the publication of the HPPG minutes. **He recommended the points that were agreed at the GP HPPG Responses Sub Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012, which were also listed on the HPPG website, were the major points to be pursued. Cllr Patient asked Members if they were happy to put those forward and they were.**

**48. Donation to Greensward Academy & Rochford Primary for entertainment provided at 2012 Summer Fayre (for Decision):**

The Chairman recalled that it had been the wish of the Committee to make the donations and asked for comments. Cllr Mrs Weir felt that all the groups that took part in the Summer Fayre should receive a donation and that way they would be more likely to return to the event. The Clerk advised that Cllr Leach had asked that a meeting of the Summer Fayre Working Group be called but in the meantime recommended consideration for donations to Greensward and Rochford Schools for their invaluable assistance, without which the band would not have been able to go ahead. Cllr Mrs Heath suggested that all donations resultant of the Summer Fayre should be discussed at the same time and recommended the Summer Fayre Working Group meet and decide the outcome. The Clerk informed the balance of the Summer Fayre budget was £1,100 after enquiry. **Cllr Patient sought Members' decision and it was agreed to defer Summer Fayre donations to the Working Group for their consideration.**

**49. Letter from Richard A Amner re. Street Lighting on Main Road:**

Cllr Mitchell agreed with Mr Amner's comments that changing to the new lights would be beneficial together with lowering the cost of the energy in the long term and he **recommended that Council support the view. Members agreed and the Clerk was asked to write to ECC to ask if they could be updated.**

**50. Summary of Actions/Decisions:**

- Minutes to be amended to include Cllr Mrs A Heath's apology for absence.
- The Clerk was asked to research funding for Cost Centre 203 Capital Projects, specifically for signage and it was agreed that if no provision

could be budgeted to update the Parish Signs it was recommended that they be painted.

- Members approved the first budgeting round for GP with the above proviso and approved Youth for 2013/14.
- Agreed the major points to be pursued by GP as per the GP HPPG Responses Sub Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.
- Summer Fayre Working Group to meet and consider donations.
- The Clerk to write to ECC to request a change of street lighting in support of The Astronomy Resource Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Chairman

**Footnote to Members: Please recycle this document from within the Full Council Papers for use at the next Standing Committee Meeting.**