



SHAFTESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

General Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the General Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, High Street, Shaftesbury Dorset SP7 8LY on Tuesday 15th September 2015 commencing at 7:00pm.

Members Present:

Councillor Proctor (Chair)
Councillor Jackson
Councillor K Tippins

Councillor Francis
Councillor Lewer

Absent:

Councillors Austin and Perkins

Officers Present:

Claire Commons, Committee Services Officer
Stephen Holley, Town Clerk

In Attendance:

Councillors Lester Taylor and Richard Tippins were present as guests and invited to take part in the meeting but noted that they had no voting role on the Committee.
2 members of the public

MINUTES

Public Participation

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. The following matters were raised;

- Solar Panels. It was asked whether there was any update on the information about the solar panels on the Town Hall building
- Coppice Street Toilets. It was asked whether there was any progress with the demolition or progression of transfer. The Clerk confirmed that the office had so far been unsuccessful making contact with the appropriate personnel at Tesco.

G21 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Austin due to a conflicting engagement and Councillor Perkins due to a work commitment.

G22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations of interest or dispensations had been received. All members were invited to declare any interests throughout the meeting if the need arose.

It was recorded that the members present were directors of the Swimming Pool Company.

Councillor Proctor declared a personal interest in NORDDIS as his father could benefit.

Mrs Commons declared an interest in the Cyclescheme as an employee who may benefit from the scheme.

G23 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the General Management Committee meeting held on 14th July 2015 as a correct record and they were duly signed.

G24 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chair. It was noted that the next two items on the agenda would be taken in reverse order.

G25 Swimming Pool

Officer report 0915GEM06 was received and noted. It was **RECOMMENDED** to Council to record its thanks to the Shaftesbury Community Swimming Pool Ltd, its employees, the Swimming Pool Working Group and all of the Council's own staff involved in bringing the Pool successfully back into use in 2015, in particular David Bright for volunteering his personal time and Mrs Jackson for her work on the garden outside.

Cllr K Tippins provided an oral report on suggested future points of note for the pool season in 2016. It was **AGREED** that the ROSE Committee would look at the management of the pool season.

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the course fee and associated travel expenses for the Pool Manager to attend a Trainer Assessor course, transport costs and subsistence. (*Financial Implication – up to £700, Swimming Pool Set-Up costs budget*) (*Statutory Authority – Public Health Act 1936 s.221 and Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 s.19*)

G26 Finances

Officer report 0915GEM05 was considered and noted.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: cheques (012172 – 012253) for the period 4th August 2015 to 15th September 2015 totalling £28,796 from the Town Council Current Account.

G27 Shaftesbury Town Council Website

Officer report 0915GEM07 was received and noted. Councillor Taylor spoke in more detail on this item. It was **RESOLVED** to revive the Town Crier for

publication on the website. It was asked that the website working group investigate RSS subscription service (user subscription).

G28 Treasury Management

Officer report 0915GEM08 was received and noted. The Committee considered that it was too early to consider this item and it was placed on the back burner for the time being and therefore no motion was put.

G29 Service Level Agreements

Officer report 0915GEM09 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** to request a mid-term report from all SLA recipients for review by the the Chairman of GEM and the Clerk in light of any comments received from the representative councillor

G30 Community Grant Application

Officer report 0915GEM10 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £300 to North Dorset Disability Information Service (NORDDIS). *(Financial Implication - £300, Grants and SLA budget) (Statutory Authority – Local Government Ratings Act 1997 s26)*

G31 North Dorset Local Plan Part 1

Officer report 0915GEM11 was received and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following response to the District Council:

MM5 previously read that Shaftesbury Housing Contribution was about 1140 now it reads that Shaftesbury Housing Contribution will be at least 1140. The Committee strongly objected to this amendment and requested that the wording reverted to the original.

G32 Community Infrastructure Levy

Officer report 0915GEM12 was received and noted. It was **AGREED** to submit the following response to the District Council that the Committee was supportive of the CIL consultation document.

G33 Peer Review

The Town Clerk provided an oral report. The Committee **AGREED** that the Mayor invites neighbouring Councils for an informal sharing of ideas and for mutual benefit of examples of best practice.

G34 Cyclescheme

Officer report 09GEM14 was received and noted. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council join the National Cyclescheme.

G35 Officer Report

Officer report 0915GEM15 was received and noted.

G36 Transfer of Public Open Spaces from Persimmon

Officer report 0915GEM16 was received. It was **RESOLVED** to transfer the following parcels of land from Persimmon to Shaftesbury Town Council and the

Clerk to be authorised to reach agreement with Persimmon Homes and North Dorset District Council in consultation with the Chairman of the General Management committee and the Chairman of the Recreation, Open Spaces and Environment Committee:

- Land at Great Ground
- Land at Gower Road
- Land at corner of Burton Close and Brionne Way
- Land at Win Green View leading to Wincombe Recreation Ground

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.54pm

Signed

Date