

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT

The Mayor Councillor Wood
The Deputy Mayor – Councillor McGuinness
Councillor Baddeley
Councillor Davies
Councillor Hall
Councillor Hart
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Jones
Councillor Lawson
Councillor Lovatt
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Rushton
Councillor Salt
Councillor Whilding

65.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence and reasons accepted were received from:

Councillor Court
Councillor Nicosia
Councillor Sheldon
Councillor Swift
Councillor Walley

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Dispensations: None.
- b Other Disclosable Interests: None.

67. MINUTES

- a. It was moved to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 21 November 2017.
- b. It was moved to receive the Minutes of Friends of Biddulph Grange Country Park AGM meeting held on 29 November 2017
- c. It was moved to receive the Minutes of the Burial Grounds Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 December 2017

68. REPORT ON STAFFORDSHIRE CREDIT UNION GOING INTO ADMINISTRATION ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2017

Councillor Hart thanked the Officer for searching the archive. Discussion had taken place in February and March 2008 about the establishment of a Staffordshire Credit Union. A contribution of £5000 had been given towards the start-up costs of the Credit Union from the contingency fund. Councillor Hart felt that it would not be possible to retrieve the money as it had been a contribution.

Councillor Lovatt had been an initial member of the Credit Union and had worked hard to get it off the ground. Councillor Lovatt proposed that this Council should request reimbursement and a report about what had happened and why it had folded.

Councillor Jones was very sad that it folded; he agreed that we should find out what had occurred.

Councillor Whilding was a member of a Credit Union and confirmed that they were covered by Financial Services Authority; members with an account were covered against loss.

Councillor Hart noted that the £5000 had been donated to help toward set-up costs, not to open a saving account.

Councillor Jackson noted that this Council had not been an account holder; the money had been given before the Credit Union had been set up. Councillor Jackson believed that the District Council had also donated to the fund. Councillor Jackson also would like to know why the Credit Union had failed; he had spoken to the trustees the previous year and felt that there were not enough savers to balance the borrowers.

The Chief Officer would write to ask what had happened and if the contribution would be returned.

69. CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Biddulph Town Council Christmas Opening times

Please see attached opening schedule.

The Office would be staffed; mainly to make sure the Funeral Directors had contact cover during the Christmas week.

2. Recycling and Rubbish Collection arrangements

Please see attached notice from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

There had been a visit planned to the Headquarters of the West Midlands Ambulance Service on Friday 2.00 pm. As only the Chief Officer and Councillor Hart had been able to attend; the visit was to be rescheduled. All were in favour of the visit being rearranged.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed Date