

**Present**

\*Cllr A J C Fyson – Chairman  
\*Cllr F J Hawke – Vice-Chairman

#Cllr P F Allen  
\*Cllr G B F Coles  
\*Cllr R W I Cooke (Deputy Mayor)  
\*Cllr D M Gent  
\*Cllr R M Lyon (Town Mayor)  
#Cllr R F Rendle  
\*Cllr R Springett

Observers: Cllr B T Harriss  
Cllr S Smith

Cllr Thompson had given apologies for the meeting.

Also in attendance 1 member of the press.

\*Denotes attendance  
#Denotes apology for absence

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Gent declared a personal interest in agenda items 3(a) and 3(c) – grant applications from Dartmouth Outdoor Swimming Pool and Youth Genesis.

Cllr Lyon declared a personal interest in agenda item 3(b) – grant application from Mayflower 400.

Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in agenda item 3(a) grant application from Dartmouth Outdoor Swimming Pool.

**2. CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTS FOR GRANTS.**

Grant applications had been received from:-

**a) Dartmouth Outdoor Swimming Pool.**

Members considered a grant application for £4,000 from Dartmouth Outdoor Swimming Pool. Cllr Smith informed members that there had been a campaign to keep the Outdoor

Swimming Pool open, signed by 200 members of the public. Members felt that as the Indoor Pool had now opened and the Town Council had a possible £10,000 per year commitment to its revenue costs, that it would not be feasible to fund 2 swimming pools for the Town.

**Proposed: Cllr D M Gent**

**Seconded: Cllr R W I Cooke**

**Recommended: That the Trustees of the Dartmouth Outdoor Swimming Pool be thanked for their efforts but no grant be made to the Outdoor Pool.**

**b) Mayflower 400.**

Members considered an application for funding from the Mayflower 400 group; this to provide a commitment of 10% of the proposed project costs and to assist the joint Heritage Lottery Fund application to be made from the “Trail Towns”.

Cllr Lyon told the meeting that this was a very important project for the whole town. He detailed the past history of the group and the amazing projects that they had devised.

Cllr Coles raised concerns over the Mayflower group’s statement that the Mayflower visitor centre would be in the Dartmouth Museum building. Members agreed that this would be better placed in the Tourist Information Centre building.

The Chairman would reply to the letter from the Project Director of the Mayflower 400 group and they would be asked to supply details of their fundraising for the projects and a breakdown of the projects’ costs.

**Proposed: Cllr R Springett**

**Seconded: Cllr R W I Cooke**

**Recommended: That the Town Council make a commitment to Dartmouth Mayflower 400 of £40,000 by 2020 to be drawn down as required by specific projects.**

**c) Youth Genesis.**

Members considered an application from Youth Genesis for a grant of £1,582.00 towards youth outreach work in 2017/2018. Cllr Gent reminded members of the incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to the Town Council by Sergeant Simons at the last Full Council meeting. He explained that Youth Genesis was putting together a new team specifically for outreach work.

**Proposed: Cllr R Springett**

**Seconded: Cllr F J Hawke**

**Recommended: That a grant of £1,582.00 be made to Youth Genesis in 2017/2018.**

**3. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.**

The Mayor gave details of the monies raised by the Snow Ball group and the extra lights which had been purchased for the Town and which were now owned by the Town Council. These additional lights had led to extra costs in installing and taking down the lights. Although it was hoped to use the £9,995 raised by the Snow Ball in 2016 for lighting along the south embankment, there would be sufficient funds to pay for the overspend on the 2016 Christmas lights.

**Proposed: Cllr D M Gent**

**Seconded: Cllr R Springett**

**Recommended: That the Town Council approve payment of £5,497.50 plus vat for the installation of Christmas lights and £2,677.50 plus vat for the taking down of these lights.**

**4. FORMULATION OF A BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS FROM SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Chairman told the meeting that he had looked at several options for a business plan for the asset transfer from South Hams District Council and he suggested that this may need a standing management committee to take the project forward. The meeting agreed that it would not be necessary to employ external consultants to analyse the costs.

A meeting of Council Chairmen together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 11am to take this forward and produce a strategy document.

**Proposed: Cllr D M Gent**  
**Seconded: Cllr R M Lyon**

**Recommended: That a management committee of the Council Chairmen together with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meet to take the devolved services project forward.**

**5. BUDGET FOR 2017/2018.**

A draft budget had been circulated to members. Cllr Hawke told the meeting that the Tourist Information Centre would need help from the Town Council's Maintenance Manager to check some minor items in the building and he hoped that the Town Council would also fund cleaning of the buildings carpets. He suggested that a loan facility of £5,000 be made available to the T.I.C. This would be considered at the February Full Council meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr R Springett**  
**Seconded: Cllr F J Hawke**

**Recommended: That the draft budget be accepted and the Town Council's precept for 2017/2018 be increased from £188,094 to £295,618 to include devolved services.**

**Proposed: Cllr R Springett**  
**Seconded: Cllr D M Gent**

**Resolved: That in view of the confidential nature of business about to be transacted, it was in the public interest that the press and public be excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.**

**6. REVIEW OF THE AGED DEBTORS REPORT AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016.**

The Clerk informed members that as this item was for noting only it could be considered, despite not being included on the agenda for the meeting. A copy of the aged debtors report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 was laid round the table. The Clerk explained each of the items on the aged debtors report for members.