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8 July 2008

Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee,

Are hereby summoned to attend the General Purposes and Finance Committee to be held in The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe, on Monday next 14 July 2008, at 8 pm.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9 June 2008.
- 3 Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting.
- 4 To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
- 5 Public Participation Period
- 6 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2008.
- 7 Update on Young Persons Involvement Strategy Group.
- 8 Speed Limit Reminder Device.
- 9 Hythe Circular Bus Service.
- 10 New Forest District Council and Parish Council's GIS Partnership.
- 11 Accounts for Payment.
- 12 Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA NOTES FOR 14 JULY 2008

Item 6 Financial Monitoring – period ending 30 June 2008

Attached is the financial monitoring information for the period ending 30 June 2008.

Members' views are requested.

Item 7 Update on Young Persons Involvement Strategy Group

Work on the main projects agreed by the Council, continues to be ongoing. Set out below is an update on the main items.

Drop in Centre – Hythe Youth Club.

The Youth Club has been opened every afternoon during Easter and half term holiday. On each occasion approximately 100 young people have used the facility.

Arrangements have been made to continue opening the Club on the same basis through the school summer holidays.

The results of the bid to the Youth Opportunity Fund to refurbish the Club are still awaited.

Youth Shelter – Netley View

Following a quote process to install sides to the Youth Shelter located in the Skate Park a price of £847.00 has been accepted. It is anticipated that the work will be carried out by the end of July 2008. Once the work is completed the Parish Councils' maintenance team will paint the structure.

Proposed Youth Shelter – Noadswood School

A working group made up of year 9, 10 and 11 students from Noadswood School are working on a design as part of a project. Once agreed, the results will be forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration.

Film Show for Young People

The first show was held on the 21 June 2008 at the Parish Hall. The film was "Be Kind Rewind". 26 young people and 2 accompanying adults attended the performance. Plans are underway for the screening of a different film in September.

Communications

InfoFLY - the website based communication platform has received over 500 hits to its Facebook and My space infoFLY pages. The Council now has access to Youth Text which provides another opportunity for the Council to communicate with young people.

The representative of the extended schools programme attended the last meeting of the group and as a result has arranged with the facilities at Noadswood School to be made available to musicians and bands to practice at no cost.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 8 Speed Limit Reminder Device

At a previous meeting of this Committee it was agreed to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing and deploying its own Speed Limit Reminder Sign.

Discussions with the District Council are ongoing and confirmation regarding the cost of the device and deployment is expected soon.

During the discussions it has become apparent that the locations for deployment have to be agreed by the Safer Roads Police Officer

Members are asked to note the report

Item 9 Hythe Circular Bus Service

At a previous meeting of this Committee it was agreed to include a request as part of a consultation exercise on local bus services that consideration be given to the provision of a "free" service on market days. This was included as part of the Parish Council's response; at present the outcome of the process is not known.

A member has subsequently requested that the Committee consider funding such a service itself if the request is unsuccessful. If members wish to consider this option further investigations into the costs etc will be made.

Members' views are requested.

Item 10 New Forest District Council and Parish Council's GIS Partnership

Previously the Parish Council had access to aerial photographs and low level GIS mapping through software marketed as "Lamis". Unfortunately the company providing the software has ceased trading.

As an alternative, discussions have been held with New Forest District Council and interested parishes on the possibility of accessing their Forest Map system. New Forest District Council will pay for development of the system to allow the individual parish data input to be stored on the system. However whilst there is agreement in principle, New Forest District Council only have one GIS officer and as such if the service is to be provided then the District would need to appoint another part time team member. In order for that to happen they are asking for partnership (50%) funding from parishes of approximately £12000 in total.

As it is difficult to get all 37 parishes to sign up at the beginning, it is being suggested that the 8 or 9 largest parishes/towns should underwrite the cost, with any contributions being received from joining parishes being shared by the 8 or 9 parishes. It is anticipated that the ongoing annual cost would be £1300 to £1500 depending on how many parishes take up the option.

However if the project goes ahead there will only be 6 months costs to cover in the first year.

The cost of the "Lamis" system was £319.26 per year

Examples of the Forest Map system will be shown at the meeting.

Members are asked to consider joining the proposed arrangement.

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