

Report of the meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held in Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park, Whitby on Tuesday, 12th February 2008 at 6.45pm.

Present: Councillors M D Murphy (Chair), Mrs S Boyce, T N Carson, Mrs H R Coughlan, Dr S M Daniels, Mrs S Dyson, T Jennison, J McEachen, R G Sigsworth and S R Smith (ex-officio).

Mr E N Birch, Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer.

Apologies: Councillors R W Broadley and T W Brown.

82. MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 15th January 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs Dyson – Agenda Item 5 – Scarborough Lifts. (Personal and Prejudicial).

GENERAL PURPOSES

84. Defra ROD LICENSING PROPOSAL

Defra are considering implementing a sea angler's licence for all members of the public who want to sea-fish, this also includes charter fishing boats. Councillors unanimously agreed that to bring in such a measure could seriously damage the economy of Whitby as a whole and could deter the tourist fishing fraternity from coming to Whitby. It would also inhibit youngsters from enjoying yet another outdoor activity.

MOVED by Councillor Sigsworth, seconded by Councillor Carson and

RECOMMEND that due to time constraints that a letter detailing Whitby Town Council's serious concerns over this proposal be compiled by Councillors Sigsworth and Mrs Boyce and forwarded to Robert Goodwill (MP). (Letter to be signed by the Mayor.)

85. REVISED SERVICE CONTRACT – SCARBOROUGH LIFTS LTD

Members agreed that it was not necessary for Councillor Mrs Dyson to leave the table prior to discussion of this item.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RECOMMEND that Whitby Town Council accepts Scarborough Lifts Ltd revised contract For the FY 2008/9.

FINANCE

86. REVIEW OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT REGISTER (AS AMENDED)

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Dyson, seconded by Councillor Mrs Boyce and

RECOMMEND that the Risk Management Register (as amended) be accepted (herewith).

87. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Coughlan, seconded by Councillor McEachen and

RECOMMEND that the letter from the Audit Commission nominating Mazars as Whitby Town Council's External Auditor be accepted.

88. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOVED by Councillor Mrs Dyson, seconded by Councillor McEachen and

RECOMMEND that the Financial Report be received.

89. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee will take place on Tuesday 11th March 2008 at 6.45pm in the Pannett Art Gallery, Pannett Park.