



Battle Town Council



**MINUTES of a meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on TUESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2018 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs D Furness (Chairman), G Favell, M Kiloh and A Ratcliffe.

In Attendance: Carol Harris, Town Clerk

- 1. Apologies for absence** – Cllr J Gyngell.
- 2. Disclosure of interest** – Cllr Favell wished to record her personal involvement in the Battle Neighbourhood Plan Group.
- 3. Minutes of the meetings held on 2 January 2018** – These were approved by Members and duly signed by Cllr Furness.

4. Grant application

Cllr Favell repeated her personal involvement in the BHP

Members agreed the grant to Battle Health Pathway for £165.61.

5. Recommendations from Environment Committee on 3 October 2017 – Battle Preschool Playgroup

The Clerk reported that Battle Preschool Playgroup have held a lease for land at the recreation ground since May 1987 on the basis of an annual peppercorn rent. Council workstaff have also been responsible for grass cutting. **Members agreed that the Council has a duty to maximise its amenities and a notice to change the rent, in line with other accommodation on the recreation ground, to £360 per year should be given. It approved grass cutting should continue as necessary.**

6. Matters for information and future agenda items

Cllr Furness highlighted the proposal to bring the **Bayeux Tapestry** to the UK. He suggested that the Council should support Battle as its final destination with a visit to Bayeux and St Valery to raise Battle's profile. Members agreed that ER&TD should consider including this on the Action Plan with consideration to allocating a budget for Tourism Promotion in future years.

The Clerk reported a request from Battle Bonfire Boyes to consider payment of the medals and trophies for the Gunpowder Run as they did not feel the purchase of Salvers to be appropriate for the inaugural event. **Members agreed to fund the purchase of the medals for 2018 and encourage an application for a permanent award next year.**

7. Date of next meeting: 6 March 2018

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

**CLLR D FURNESS
CHAIRMAN**