

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held at County Hall, Chelmsford, at 10.50am on 22 April 2014

Present:

Councillors

David	Finch	(Chairman)
Ivan	Henderson	(substitute for Councillor Michael Danvers)
Mike	Mackrory	
Simon	Walsh	
Roger	Walters	(substitute for Councillor Dick Madden)

Councillor John Jowers, Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning, was also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Danvers and Dick Madden, for whom Councillors Ivan Henderson and Roger Walters substituted respectively.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Approval for Member Foreign Travel Visit to Antwerp – Floodcom Final Conference

Councillor John Jowers, Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning was present during this item to respond to Members' questions.

The Committee considered report FTC/03/14 by the Committee Services Manager which sought approval for Councillor John Jowers to attend the Floodcom Final Conference in Antwerp from 24 – 25 September 2014. The total cost of attendance would be £440, of which 50% would be reimbursed by the EU, meaning a cost to the County Council of £220.

Responding to Members' questions, Councillor Jowers commented on the value of attending this and similar events in terms of networking and raising the profile of the County Council.

Resolved:

That the attendance of Councillor John Jowers at the Floodcom Final Conference to be held in Anwerp from 24 – 25 September 2014, at a cost to the County Council of £220, be approved.

3. Approval for Member Foreign Travel Visit to Antwerp – EU Walls and Gardens Project

Councillor John Jowers, Cabinet Member for Libraries, Communities and Planning was present during this item to respond to Members' questions.

The Committee considered report FTC/04/14 by the Committee Services Manager which sought approval for Councillor John Jowers to attend the opening event for Fort Duffel (near Antwerp) from 29 – 30 April 2014 as part of the EU Walls and Gardens Project.

Councillor Jowers advised that, unfortunately, he was no longer able to attend the event and no substitute was available. The Committee noted this with regret and commented that, in general, attendance at events of this kind was of great benefit to the Council.

Resolved:

That, with regret and due to lack of availability, the Council be not represented at the EU Walls and Gardens Project opening event for Fort Duffel (near Antwerp) from 29 – 30 April 2014.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 10.30am or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever is the later.

(Note of Secretary to the Committee: this meeting was subsequently cancelled due to a lack of business.)

The meeting closed at 10.55am

Chairman
24 June 2014