

## KEIGHLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Audit (FA) Committee held in the Victoria Meeting Room, Keighley Civic Centre on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Present:** Councillor Thorne - Chair  
Councillor A Ahmed  
Councillor Corkindale (ex-Officio)  
Councillor Curtis  
Councillor Maunsell  
Councillor Morris  
Councillor Pedley  
Councillor A Walker

**Also Present:** Anne Wilson, Locum Town Clerk  
Jan Smithers, Keighley Arts and Film Festival (KAFF)  
Councillor Westerman  
Nichola Powell, Minute Taker

### **102/2018 (FA) Fire Safety Announcement**

A fire safety announcement was made.

### **103/2018 (FA) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from:

- Councillor Shaw, work commitments

### **104/2018 (FA) Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED:** there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and the relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 from either Members or Officers.

### **93/2018 (FA) Public Question Time and Participation**

Jan Smithers addressed the meeting regarding concerns members had regarding Keighley Creative Space. She said the police had carried out an investigation and could find no evidence of misuse of the space. However, she informed members that one of the studio holders had been evicted due to misuse of the space in Summer 2018.

Following questions from members she confirmed she had originally worked for the MP John Grogan as his researcher but had stepped down from that post to work on Keighley Arts and Film Festival (KAFF). She confirmed that Bradford MDC provided £5,000 which enables her to work 2.5 days per week. From December 2018-March 2019 she was kick starting the project and was requesting people/companies to put forward ideas for Keighley Creative Space and she was also working on bids.

### **105/2018 (FA) Keighley Arts and Film Festival (KAFF)**

Following comments from Councillor Westerman, social media items regarding alcohol being served in the building with no alcohol licence and the on-going police investigation members agreed they would defer this item until the police investigate had been undertaken.

Jan Smithers informed members that Keighley Creative Space and Keighley Arts and Film Festival, albeit based in the same building, were totally separate entities and if require they could be separated.

**Action:** *Councillor Westerman to forward emails regarding the police investigation to the Locum Town Clerk who would investigate further and report back to the February meeting.*

**RESOLVED:** that the revised application submitted by KAFF be deferred to the next meeting - 1 abstention.

**106/2018 (FA) Friends of Haworth Fire Station**

**RESOLVED:** that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

**107/2018 (FA) Date of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED** to note that the date of the next meeting of this committee will be Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.00pm in the Victoria Room, Keighley Civic Centre.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....  
**Chair**