

Minutes of Finance Committee

Held at Turreff Hall on Monday 22nd September 2008

Present: Councillors A Baker, Mrs V Brown, M Edwards, B Green, Mrs R Gregory, C Mason, P Norton, G Platt.

- 1. Apologies:** Councillors Mrs E A Clare (Holiday), J Lavery (Meeting), Mrs B Mason (Holiday), J Thompson (Ill).

Resolved – that the apologies are accepted.

- 2. Declaration of Interest:** As per Register.

3. Grant Applications

Resolved – in the opinion of the Council it is in the interest of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants that the following grants be approved under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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| 1. Listen and Care Mental Health Day Centre | £ 100.00 |
| 2. Age Concern Donnington Day Centres | £ 200.00 |
| 3. No Panic | £ 100.00 |
| 4. Wellington Cottage Care Trust | £ 500.00 |

Total £ 900.00

4. Proposal to Extend Bus Pass Timetable

The Committee discussed the email received from Borough Councillor A Williams requesting support of his motion to extend the bus pass timetable from 9.30am to 8.30am.

Resolved – that the Clerk writes to Councillor Williams stating that at this present time this Parish Council is unable to support his motion due to the fact that the Council considers that the bus service at the times stated is already overcrowded with students accessing schools and colleges together with the financial implications this may have on Telford & Wrekin Council.

5. Staff Training

The Committee discussed the following:

- a. The amended Minutes of Finance Committee meeting 21st July 2008 item 10.

Resolved – to ratify the amendments made to the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting 21st July 2008.

- b. Agreement between the Parish Council and the Clerk with regard to the undertaking of the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy run by Gloucester University.

Resolved – to ratify the agreement between the Clerk and the Parish Council with regard to the undertaking of the Certificate in Higher Education in Local Policy run by Gloucester University.

6. Parish Council Reserve Deposit

The Clerk informed the Committee that the Parish Council Reserves has now been deposited with the Halifax Bank of Scotland (HBoS). However, due to the current world financial status the Committee discussed whether keeping all the reserves with one bank was prudent and suggested the opening of two more accounts with other banks and deposit £30,000 per account as soon as possible.

Resolved – that:

- a. The Clerk finds out which Banks are owned by whom.
- b. Investigate if it is only personal accounts that are guaranteed up to £35,000 or whether this applies to corporate bodies as well.
- c. The Committee delegates responsibility to The Chair of Council, Chair of the Finance Committee and the Clerk in deciding which Banks the Council's reserves are deposited in, but if there is any doubt or concerns then it is to be taken to the full Council for further consideration.

7. Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

- a. W2008/1005
Barratt Homes (West Midlands), Monarch Fields, Station Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Partial re-plan of approved application W2007/0469 to change house types and replace 30no. dwellings (plots 67-97) with 24no. dwellings (plots 67 – 90).
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- b. W2008/1007
Mr A Beddall, 12 Andreas Drive, Muxton, Telford, Shropshire.
Change of use from open land to private garden area with fencing.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.
- c. W2008/1011
Mr & Mrs D Latham, Land adjacent to Tara, Oakengates Road, Donnington, Telford, Shropshire.
Treatment of mineshaft.
Resolved – to have no objection to this application.

8. Correspondence

The Chair informed the Committee that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **Invitation to the Annual General Meeting and Open Exhibition of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust.**
- b. **Telford and Wrekin Post – 16 Consultation.**
- c. **SALC Training Seminar – Powers and Functions to be held on 7th October 2008.**
- d. **“Thank you” letter from Newport Music Club for grant awarded to it by the Parish Council.**

e. Planning Application W2007/1662, Erection of a detached dwelling at Land adjacent to Mount View, Hillside East, Lilleshall.

The Chair informed the Committee that notice had been received that the applicants have appealed against the decision made by Telford & Wrekin Council to refuse this application.

The meeting closed at 2020hrs.

Signature:

Date:

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