

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE
held on
10 OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Brian Williams
Vice Chair: Councillor Glenys Diskin

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 12th September 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Councillor Clive Carver referred to a recent article in the press where it had been quoted that the Community Library would require £100,000. He had visited Colin Everett, Chief Executive at Flintshire County Council to review the Business Plan for the Library as the press article had caused some level of concern. He also mentioned that a guaranteed grant of £2,000 per year for a five year period had been secured and was concerned at the implications for the Community Council.

Councillor Brian Williams confirmed that the Community Council had provided a grant of £2,000 this year towards the running costs of the Community Library and that subsequent requests for funding would be considered as part of the usual Grants Application process. Rob Brown, Treasurer for Community Library, would be invited to attend the next meeting in order to provide information to Councillors to enable an informed decision to be made on future grants.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Rob Brown be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the Community Library and that a grant application be considered accordingly.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

In addition to the accounts for payment, the Chair shared with the Council an unexpected expenditure in relation to the repair of the Litter Collector's vehicle in the sum of £1,575.77. In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, approval of this expenditure had been sought. The Chair also confirmed that he and the Clerk would undertake a review of the Council's Fleet and provide a business plan for replacement vehicle requirements over the next few years.

IT WAS RESOLVED: (i) that the Accounts for Payment in the sum of £26,890.22 be approved and (ii) that the repair bill of £1,575.77 be endorsed.

CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that the Council's contributions to the Central Administration and Direct Maintenance Fund for the month of October were as follows:-

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| Central Administration | £3,966.55 | Direct Maintenance | £6,679.37 |
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

The Clerk had prepared a report on the Council's Income and Expenditure for the first half of the year. The covering report highlighted any variances from anticipated expenditure. Some Members commended the Clerk on the production of an excellent report.

The Chair highlighted that the Council had agreed to the repair of the Village Clock and the upgrade of the CCTV equipment at the Lodge and that this would be funded by relevant underspends at the end of the year or from the holding account. He also confirmed that the income figure of £46,930 related to the receipt of S106 monies.

Councillor George Hardcastle sought the Council's approval to a financial contribution of £1,108.75 towards the replacement speed cushions along Aston Park Road as there was a risk to the health and safety of the public. The County Council would fund 50% of the replacement and had sought 25% contributions each from Hawarden Community Council and Shotton Town Council.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and that the additional request for £1,108.75 be endorsed, subject to Shotton Town Council providing the same amount.

BANK RECONCILIATION:

Due to technical problems the Clerk had been unable to print the bank reconciliation.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the reconciliation summary at 10th October be shared at the November meeting.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

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Chair's Signature _____