

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE
held on
13TH NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Helen Meredith

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

309/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Lighting Committee.

310/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

311/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9th October 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

312/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were no matters arising.

313/17 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

A revised list of payments was circulated for approval.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the list of payments in the sum of £40,227.60 for November be approved.

314/17 CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised that the Council's contribution to the Joint Maintenance Agreement for the month of November had been £10,974.19.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the joint maintenance agreement contributions.

315/17 GRANT APPLICATIONS:

The following Grant applications had been received and considered by Members, the outcome of each is as follows:

Gary Speed Trust Fund: this is not a traditional grant application but an annual request seeking a contribution towards the sponsorship of funding raising events. It was agreed to donate £100 from the Chairman's Fund towards this commendable event.

Hawarden Babies and Toddlers: It was agreed to ask this organisation to re-submit its application to the Council in March 2018 and request the organisation to provide a quote for a more specific request, for example, the purchase of equipment.

Hawarden Rangers U11s: it was agreed to donate a grant of £200 towards the cost of new training kits.

Citizens Advice Bureau: Members commented that national organisations would not normally be supported and especially not on an annual basis. After some discussion, Members decided not to provide a grant to this organisation as it had already received support from the County Council.

Play Days Nursery: Members asked the Clerk to write back to this organisation to make them aware that a defibrillator was available at the High School and that Penarlag CP School had recently undertaken some fund raising of their own to purchase one for their school. Members declined the application subject to the above but commended the organisation for the initiative and suggested that a defibrillator be considered at the Gladstone Playing Fields.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to provide grant assistance/contributions as outlined above and reject or defer the applications as outlined.

316/17 YELLOW LINES OUTSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

Councillor Helen Brown had requested that this item be included on the agenda for formal consideration during the budget process. She had spoken to Flintshire County Council about the cost of installing yellow lines outside the four primary schools in the area and had been advised that this would cost in the region of £1600 per school. In addition the schools within the community had not been ranked high enough on the County Council's safety matrix so the Community Council might wish to consider paying for this at all four primary schools to protect local children and residents. Councillor Clive Carver said that he had been provided with a more expensive quote than £1600 for yellow lines to be laid and asked the Clerk to clarify.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration in the 2018 budget be made for this purpose but that the Clerk writes to Flintshire County Council for clarification of the costs.

317/17 BANK RECONCILIATION:

The Clerk advised that the bank reconciliation had not yet been completed and that it would be e-mailed to Members or presented at the next meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the bank reconciliation for the month ending 27TH October 2017 in due course.

318/17 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.