

## **HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Held on **9 NOVEMBER 2009**

**PRESENT:** Chair: Councillor Clive Carver  
Vice-Chair: Councillor Ralph Small

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Yale, Alan Diskin, Glenys Diskin, John Edwards and Julia Royds.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillors Joyce Angell, George Hardcastle and David Mackie declared an interest in Agenda Item 7 – Section 137 Grant Applications and duly completed their declarations of interest.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 October 2009 be received and that they be signed by the Chair.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

There were none.

### **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Accounts for Payment in the sum of £24,963.16 be approved.

### **CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

The following matters were reported:-

- (a) The Council's financial position.
- (b) The Council's contributions to the Central Administration and Direct Maintenance Fund for the month, which were as follows:-

Central Administration	£5,156.77
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Direct Maintenance	£2,403.31
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(c) Other relevant matters.

- No Cold Calling Areas – Aston Ward FL3

The Clerk referred Members to correspondence which had been received from Flintshire Neighbourhood Watch Association thanking the Council for its contribution of £100 towards the establishment of a ‘no cold calling area’ but identifying that there was a shortfall of £1,973 which would have to be met prior to the scheme’s implementation. Members variously expressed their surprise at the cost of establishing such a system and questioned why signage identifying the area as a ‘no cold calling area’ could not be erected in isolation. It was also noted that the Council had made a contribution towards this scheme and that if it was not implemented then the Council’s contribution should be returned.

- Hawarden Community Walkers – Insurance

The Clerk advised that the Council’s insurer had now advised that it would not provide cover for the Walkers under the Community Council’s policy and that it would therefore be necessary for the group to arrange its own liability insurance. The Clerk said that this would therefore have an implication on the level of funding which the Council would be required to provide as part of its sponsorship from April 2010 onwards.

- CCTV System – Gladstone Playing Fields, Hawarden

The Committee was reminded of the decision taken earlier in the evening at the Playing Fields Committee to proceed with the immediate acquisition of a CCTV system.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and the decision of the Playing Fields Committee in connection with the CCTV system at The Lodge be approved.

At this point IT WAS RESOLVED: to extend the meeting to 8.50pm.

**BANK RECONCILIATION:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the Bank Reconciliation to 30 October 2009, a copy of which had been attached to the agenda.

**ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT:**

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive and note the Auditor’s report, a copy of which had been attached to the agenda.

**MEMBERS’ INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were none.

## **SECTION 137 GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

The Chair referred Members to the applications which had been received from local organisations. The sum of £1,900 was available for this purpose.

The Committee clarified that it wished to support all the applications received in respect of the purposes which they had identified. The Committee then discussed the various applications and having done so RESOLVED: that the following contributions be made by virtue of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972:

Mancot Bowling Club - £600  
Mancot & District OAPs - £250  
Friends of Penarlag CP - £300  
Sandycroft & Mancot Scout Group - £250  
St Deiniol's Church - £500

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.