

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE Held on 10 SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Alan Diskin
Vice-Chair: Councillor Ve Amos

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council Meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 9 July and 7 August 2012 be received as a true record 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 £30,489.39 be approved.

CLERK & FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The following matters were reported:-

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

Central Administration	£4,364.01
Direct Maintenance	£3,856.60

- (b) Other relevant matters.

- Council's Financial Position

(i) As the Council's bank statements had not been received at the time of the despatch of the agenda he summarised the approximate balances.

(ii) The Council's second stage Precept payment of £70,000 had been received on 31 August and was included in the Lloyds 30 Day Notice Account balance.

- Quotations for Soil Testing at the Proposed Allotment Site

Flintshire County Council's Planning Department had required the Council to have a Contaminated Land Survey carried out as reported to the Community & Environment Committee.

Quotations were invited from 3 Companies. With the agreement of the Chair of Committee the lowest tender received from Smith Grant of Wrexham in the sum of £2,272 was accepted. The other tenders were in the sum of £2,740 and £3,055.

- Elevated Platform Hoist (EPH)

For a number of years the Council's EPH had been overheating in periods of heavy usage, such as erecting Christmas decorations. Despite taking it to a number of local hydraulic specialists the problem had not been remedied.

The EPH had been taken to a hydraulics company in Stockport in July with another hydraulic problem which local companies had been unable to rectify and which they successfully resolved. The company had diagnosed the cause of the overheating and had submitted a quotation for resolving it. A copy of the quotation in the sum of £776.80 + VAT was attached to the agenda.

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) The report be received.
- (b) The bank balances be noted.
- (c) The action taken in respect of the Contaminated Land Assessment be approved.
- (d) The quotation for the repair to the Elevated Platform Hoist be accepted.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm