

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Held on **11 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Clive Carver
Vice-Chair: -

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Helen Yale and Mike Jones.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest made by Members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 December 2009 be received and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Clerk said that he had contacted suppliers of gas cylinders to compare the costs of hiring against the purchasing of cylinders. He said that the advice received was that only the armed forces purchased cylinders outright because of the requirement to have them inspected, certified, painted and insured. It was possible he said to negotiate a cheaper rental price but to do so would require paying the rental in advance for a period of 5 or 10 years.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for looking into this matter.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Accounts for Payment in the sum of £22,435.25 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	£4,501.90
Direct Maintenance	£4,466.79

(c) Other relevant matters.

The Council's third instalment of its precept had been received on 31 December 2009.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Chair informed Members that it would be necessary to hold a special meeting of the Finance Committee to confirm the Council's budget and precept for 2010/2011. The meeting would have to take place prior to 5 February 2010 which was the deadline set by Flintshire County Council for receipt of precept demands.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that a special meeting of the Finance Committee be held at 6.30 pm on Monday 1 February 2010.

CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL AUTHORITY CAPITAL FINANCE FRAMEWORK:

The Chair referred Members to the report which had been attached to the agenda. Members were asked to note the change to regulation 5 in respect of the sales of assets and also to the requirement for Community Councils to adopt an annual investment strategy. It was noted that Hawarden Community Council already produced an annual investment strategy.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2009, a copy of which had been tabled at the meeting.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

A question was raised in respect of payment to Dynamix Concrete which was shown twice on the list of payments made on 14 December 2009. The Clerk explained that payment to Dynamix Concrete had been included in error and that the second payment on the accounts sheet was in fact a contra-entry to amend the mistake. The Council's finance package did not allow for alterations to be made or items removed without being shown.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.