

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** Held on **11 MARCH 2013**

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

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council Meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Ve Amos declared an interest in Agenda Item No.10 Section 137 grant application.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 February 2013 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 £40,594.04 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 were as follows:-

Central Administration - £4,501.99

Direct Maintenance - £10,956.78

- (b) Other relevant matters.

Quotation for Mobile Elevated Platform Hoist.

The Clerk reminded Members that the type of hoist which the Council required was a demountable one similar to the existing hoist, which gave the flexibility of using the vehicle on which it was operated when the hoist was not required. Not only did this save the Council from purchasing an additional vehicle it also meant that the hoist would have increased longevity in that it could be used on subsequent replacement vehicles.

There was however only one supplier of such a hoist in the UK i.e. Aldercote Limited of Hull from whom a quotation had been received. The quotation was in the sum of £17,925 plus £875 for a vehicle engine drawn pump, ex works plus VAT.

The Committee confirmed that it was prepared to accept the single quotation received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the quotation received from Aldercote Limited be approved.

INVESTMENT:

The Clerk advised that he had received information on 12 months fixed rated savings accounts from Nat West, Lloyds TSB and Barclays. The gross rates of interest per annum respectively were 1.25%, 0.9% and 1.4%.

The Committee noted that its existing investment was with Nat West and given the relatively small difference in the interest rate offered by Barclays

IT WAS RESOLVED: to continue an investment with Nat West for a fixed one year period to a level commensurate with the Council's 2013/2014 budget proposal.

BANK RECONCILIATION:

The bank reconciliation to 28 February was noted.

SECTION 137 GRANT APPLICATIONS:

The Committee was advised that as set out in the report attached to the agenda the Council had £450 remaining in its budget for supporting voluntary organisations for which there were three applicants, Hawarden Photographic Society, Mancot Old Age Pensioners Association and Hawarden Park Cricket Club.

Following some discussion concerning the merits of the various organisations.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that grants of £150 be awarded to each of the three applicants.

MEMBERS INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm