

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Held on **14 MARCH 2011**

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

Councillors: As per Council Meeting less Councillor David Mackie

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Jones, David Mackie and Ralph Small

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 February 2011 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 £15,980.63 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	£4,509.32
Direct Maintenance	£3,475.34

- (b) Other relevant matters.

Footway Lighting Energy Supply

A letter had been received from Scottish Power advising that the Company had not increased energy charges for street lighting for Town & Community Councils since 1999. With effect from 1 May 2011 it would be increasing its unit costs from 6p to 12p per kilowatt hour. The effect to Hawarden Community Council would be a doubling of its energy charges to £14,432.52 per annum. He said that he was seeking to find an alternative supplier which could provide electricity at a lower rate but to date he had been unable to do so. However he had ascertained that if the Council wished to go into a contract the unit price would be in the region of 14 – 15p per kilowatt hour as suppliers were expecting that electricity prices would continue to increase.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received.

BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: to receive the bank reconciliation to 28 February 2011, a copy of which had been attached to the agenda.

SECTION 137 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS:

The Chair advised that the Council had £915 remaining within its budget for this purpose. He said that in addition to the application from St Deiniol's Church, a copy of which had been attached to the agenda, a further application had been received from Sandycroft CP School. Councillor Glenys Diskin noted that Sandycroft CP School had received a grant from the Council in November 2010 and considered that it was too soon to consider a further application. This view was supported by the Committee.

Following some discussion concerning the application received from St Deiniol's Church, Hawarden it was proposed and seconded that a grant of £250 be awarded. Councillor Cheryl Carver proposed that a grant of £300 should be awarded, this was duly seconded. The Chair invited Members to vote on the amendment put forward by Councillor Cheryl Carver, which failed. The Chair then put forward the original proposal that the Council provide a grant of £250. This received support.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that by virtue of the powers vested in the Council by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 that a grant of £250 be awarded to St Deiniol's Church, Hawarden.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.