

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Held on **15 OCTOBER 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 Meeting of the Committee held on 10 September 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 £36,577.97 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 £4,517.74

Direct Maintenance £4,433.51

- (b) Other relevant matters.

(i) Letters of thanks had been received from Hawarden Institute and Mancot Bowling Club in respect of the grants awarded to them by the Council.

(ii) Section 137 Grant Application – Old Aston Hill Social Group

The Chair referred Members to the application, copies of which had been circulated. It was noted that the application was for £500 for a social event rather than a Children's Theatre visit as had been expected.

Councillor Hardcastle proposed that a grant of £200 be awarded, this was seconded by Councillor Angell. On the taking of a vote:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that by virtue of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 a grant of £200 be awarded to the Old Aston Hill Social Group.

COUNCIL TAX BASE SETTING AND THE IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM:

The Chair referred Members to the letter received from Flintshire County Council, a copy of which was attached to the agenda. The letter explained that due to changes in Welfare Reform it was expected that Council Tax bad debts would increase and that collection rates would reduce from 99% to approximately 98%. Consequently Council Tax Band D bases would rise accordingly thereby increasing the Community Council element of the Council Tax charge.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that this be noted.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

The Chair referred Members to the report attached to the agenda, the purpose of which was to inform the Committee of the income and expenditure received and incurred by the Council in the first half of the financial year.

The report identified that the Joint Services element of the budget was 48.4% spent and the remainder was 43.1% spent. In addition to income received from Broughton and Bretton Community Council and Shotton Town Council in respect of their respective Joint Services contributions £142,013 had been received of which £140,000 related to two of the Council's staged precept receipts.

The report commented on spending in certain areas where there appeared to be anomalies. It also cautioned on the expenditure to be incurred in the Holding Account in relation to new play equipment (£3,300), the Pavilion (£2,580) and allotments (approximately £5,350).

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the report be received and accepted.

BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation to 30 September be received.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm