

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



Minutes of a MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Thursday, January 19 2012 at 8:15pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors E Watt, R Granger, C Morgan, D Silver, T Davies

In attendance: Helena Fox, Cllrs Marsh and Diment

12.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Suthers

12.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

12.16 MATTERS ARISING:

12.16.1 There was no update on the Guide Hall from R&MCC's solicitor.

12.17 FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial statement was presented to the committee. The balance in the cash book at November 30 was £73,723.46 including £8,958.57 in the Capital Reserve (Millennium Fund) account and at December 31 was £66,995.51 including £8,959.69 in the Capital Reserve (Millennium Fund) account. In addition, £20,000.00 is on deposit with NatWest. £410.00 remains in the grant budget.

12.18 TO RECEIVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR Q3 2011-12 : The bank reconciliation for Quarter 3 was presented and accepted.

Cllr Granger joined the meeting

12.19 TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PURCHASE OF RADYR WOODS : A completion statement had been received from Plymouth Estate's solicitors and circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Silver proposed and Cllr Morgan seconded that the legal costs of Plymouth Estate be met. All approved. Cllr Marsh noted that certain of the Estate's costs have been reduced from an earlier estimate.

12.20 TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON THE PURCHASE OF SNOW KIT(S) FOR THE COMMUNITY : Members of the community had asked R&MCC to provide grit bins for Radyr Sidings. The area has not yet been adopted by Cardiff Council. While the land is under the management of the developer, it was recommended that R&MCC support the community in putting pressure on the developer to meet its obligations. The Clerk will post a comment on the Soapbox and contact Cllr McKerlich on next steps.

12.21 TO RECOMMEND EXPENDITURE IN 2012-13 TO THE MAIN MEETING ON JANUARY 26 2012 :

12.21.1 There is a British salary scale for the clerk and assistant clerk. The clerk's post was regraded at the July 28 2011 meeting, Minute 11.315.2

12.21.2 The Finance Committee recommends a budget for 2012-13 of £85,507 and, with an estimated under-spend of some £6,000 for 2011-12, recommends to Main Council a Precept of £79,000 for 2012-13. This is an increase of £4,000 on the Precept for 2011-12 and will be used to fund the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

12.21.3 Steve McCambridge of the Youth Outreach team will be invited to the February or March meeting.

- 12.22** APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS:
- 12.22.1** Radyr & District Good Neighbours : a request was received for a grant of £100.00 towards the cost of an afternoon tea with entertainment for local senior citizens to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Cllr Morgan proposed and Cllr Silver seconded. Cllr Davies and Cllr Watt abstained.
- 12.23** TO DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING : Cllr Morgan suggested that a visit be arranged for a presentation to be given to full council at 7pm before the meeting in February or March.
- 12.24** TO REVIEW AND SIGN CHEQUES: Twenty one cheques were examined and signed for presentation at the Council meeting on 26 January 2012 for final approval.
- 12.25** TO PUT FORWARD ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: None
- 12.26** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY February 16 2012