



Minutes of a MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Thursday, 15 October 2009 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors T Davies, R Granger, D Silver, D Suthers, R Eccles and M Lloyd

In attendance: Helena Fox

- 09.2274**     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.
- 09.2275**     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.
- 09.2276**     MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes were accepted as accurate.
- 09.2277**     MATTERS ARISING: There were none.
- 09.2278**     APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS:
- 09.2278.1**    A request from Urdd Gobaith Cymru was refused because it is a national group.  
**09.2278.2**    Cllr Granger proposed, Cllr Silver seconded that £100.00 be granted to the British Legion to include £18.00 for a wreath for Remembrance Day 2009. All agreed.
- 09.2279**     FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial statement was presented to the committee. The net balance was £85,832.26 including £8,949.61 in the Capital Reserve (Millennium Fund) account. £1,920.00 remains in the grant budget.
- 09.2280**     BANK RECONCILIATION FOR Q2: The bank reconciliation for Quarter 2 was presented and accepted.
- 09.2281**     WAO GUIDANCE ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCES: The Committee had read the report and confirmed that it was aware of its responsibility for the public purse.
- 09.2282**     CLERK'S PAYSACLE: The cost of living increase of 1% was noted.
- 09.2283**     CLERKING RESOURCES AND AUGUST MEETING: Cllr Granger presented information on the implication of adding an August meeting to the council's business. The committee agreed to inform the main meeting and will discuss it further at November's Finance meeting. The Clerk will provide data showing the percentage of the council's administration costs against the precept.
- 09.2284**     REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES: The Clerk reported that many town and community councils now use electronic means of payment and credit cards although this is not technically legal.
- 09.2285**     FILING SYSTEM: The Clerk explained that new file labels for the current file holders cannot be found. Several councillors offered to look into this.
- 09.2286**     CHRISTMAS: The Clerk was asked to write to GE Healthcare and Cemex Quarry for funding to support the R&M Christmas trees. The budget for the Christmas lighting ceremony was referred to the main meeting.
- 09.2287**     NOVEMBER MEETING: Clerk reminded the committee that it would start at 7pm in November.

**09.2288** CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE: Eleven cheques were examined and signed for presentation at the Council meeting on 22 October 2009 for final approval.

**09.2289** ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

**09.2290** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 19 November 2009 at **7:00pm.**