

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



Minutes of a MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Thursday, February 21 2013 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors D Silver, R McKerlich, D Suthers

In attendance: Helena Fox

- 13.51** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Morgan, Davies, Nicholas
- 13.52** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.
- 13.53** TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS:
- 13.53.1** A request from Jane Morris for £500 for a Festival art project. Since R&MCC has already committed £700.00 to the Festival, Cllr Silver recommended that the request be refused; Cllr Suthers seconded. All agreed.
- 13.53.2** A request from Twinning for a contribution towards a gift of Welsh products for this year's exchange visit. Cllr Silver recommended a donation of £25; Cllr David Suthers seconded. All agreed.
- 13.53.3** A request for a contribution towards a Welsh National Mining Memorial. Cllr Silver recommended that this be refused. Cllr Suthers seconded. All agreed.
- 13.54** TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK RECONCILIATION FOR QUARTER 3:
- 13.54.1** The financial statement was presented to the committee.
- 13.54.2** The balance in the case book at January 31 was £57,593.57.
- 13.54.3** £1,029.90 remains in the grant budget.
- 13.54.4** The bank reconciliation for quarter 3 was received by the committee.
- 13.51** TO RECOMMEND EXPENDITURE ON THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT RE RADYR WOODS: The Clerk had met with the council's solicitor and Mr John Scott to discuss the granting of an easement over Mr Scott's land to ensure access to Radyr Woods from the Taff Terrace entrance. The legal costs are estimated at £500 - £750 + VAT including the reasonable costs of Mr Scott. The easement will be for some 80 years. Cllr Silver proposed that the committee recommend the easement to main council. Cllr Suthers seconded. All agreed.
- 13.52** TO REVIEW BANKING ARRANGEMENT WITH NATWEST FOR R&MCC'S ACCOUNTS: After a brief discussion it was agreed to make no recommendation to change the council's banking arrangements for the time being.
- 13.53** TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR AWARDING GRANTS AND EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMENDMENTS:
- 13.53.1** Cllr Silver recommended that a new item be added to the Financial Regulations: "Any two of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Chairmen of the Finance and Environment Committees may authorise the Clerk to spend up to £2,000 on emergency repairs". Cllr McKerlich seconded. All agreed
- 13.53.2** Item 18 : Grants. Cllr McKerlich recommended that the final sentence be replaced with: "Grant requests for projects over £500 should be accompanied by the latest audited accounts. All grant requests for support of an organisation's running costs should be accompanied by the latest audited accounts". Cllr Silver seconded. All agreed.

- 13.54** TO REVIEW AND SIGN CHEQUES: Eighteen cheques were examined and signed for presentation at the Council meeting on 28 February 2013 for final approval.
- 13.55** TO PUT FORWARD ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: There were none.
- 13.56** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY March 21 2013