

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



Minutes of a MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Thursday, June 21 2012 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

Present: Councillors C Morgan, D Suthers, R McKerlich, T Davies, L Nicholas

In attendance: Helena Fox

- 12.248** TO ELECT A NEW CHAIRMAN : Cllr McKerlich nominated Cllr Silver, seconded by Cllr Nicholas. No other nominations were received. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Silver had communicated his willingness to accept a nomination. A vote was held : four in favour, one abstention. In Cllr Silver's absence it was agreed that Cllr Morgan would chair the meeting.
- 12.249** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr David Silver
- 12.250** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.
- 12.251** MATTERS ARISING:
- 12.251.1** Radyr Guide Hall : Cllr Clive Morgan and the Clerk attended a meeting of the Friends of Radyr Guiding on June 12. There had been no contact from the Guides Association in London re the hall. By agreement, the Clerk has put the Association's lawyer in direct contact with the Friends to try to speed things up.
- 12.251.2** Radyr Woods : The Clerk is seeking assurance from Orange Forestry that they can comply with Cadw's conditions before placing instructions to fell the dangerous beech. With a quote of £1900 that would be a cost of £950 to R&MCC, the other half paid by Cadw. This is well below other quotes.
- 12.252** TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS: There were none.
- 12.253** TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 2011-12 : The report was presented to the committee and accepted. The Auditor's comments on the general reserve were noted and will be borne in mind when drafting the budget for 2013-14.
- 12.254** TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ANNUAL RETURN AND FINAL ACCOUNTS :
- 12.254.1** The final accounts had been prepared; no changes had been made to the draft previously presented.
- 12.254.2** The Clerk presented and explained the Annual Return. A scan of it will be included with the papers for the main meeting so that members are familiar with it and the Governance Statement in particular.
- 12.255** FINANCIAL STATEMENT:
- 12.255.1** The financial statement was presented to the committee. The balance in the cash book at May 31 was £102,516.39 including £8,960.81 in the Capital Reserve (Millennium Fund) account and £20,000.00 on deposit with NatWest. £1820.00 remains in the grant budget.
- 12.255.2** The funds with the NatWest will come off deposit on July 20 and the Clerk will have information on investment rates at the next committee meeting.
- 12.256** TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON JUBILEE EXPENDITURE :
- 12.256.1** The Clerk presented the expenditure to date. With income from grants and the Millennium Account there will be a considerable underspend on R&MCC's budget. There were no questions.

- 12.256.2** The written report will be completed shortly when final figures are received on the Big Lunch events.
- 12.257** TO CONSIDER THE CARRYING OUT OF A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE FINANCES OF CARDIFF COMMUNITY COUNCILS :
- 12.257.1** Cllr McKerlich recommended and Cllr Davies seconded that there be a benchmarking exercise of R&MCC's expenditure against that of the other five Cardiff community councils. There may be ideas that community councils can share. The information requested from other councils will be the accounts, budget and any business plan. R&MCC will offer the same in return. Cllr McKerlich will look at the documents and give a report. All agreed.
- 12.258** TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CHANGES IN THE LAW RE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PAYMENTS : Cllr Morgan reported that the long-awaited parliamentary revocation of the provision requiring two councillors to sign all orders for payment may at last be in sight following a Joint Practitioners Advisory Group on 14th June and it is hoped that a formal announcement will follow shortly.
- 12.259** TO REVIEW AND SIGN CHEQUES: Nineteen cheques were examined and signed for presentation at the Council meeting on 28 June 2012 for final approval.
- 12.260** TO PUT FORWARD ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: There were none.
- 12.261** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY July 19 2012.