

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



Minutes of a MEETING of the FINANCE COMMITTEE held on Thursday, September 20 2012 at 7:30pm at the Old Church Rooms.

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

In attendance: Helena Fox

- 12.339** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Clive Morgan
- 12.340** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr McKerlich declared an interest in Good Neighbours as a Trustee.
- 12.341** TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS:
- 12.341.1** Good Neighbours : A grant of £60.00 was requested as a contribution towards the cost of the May Tea. Cllr Silver recommended payment to main council; Cllr Davies seconded. All agreed
- 12.341.2** Good Neighbours : A request was received asking R&MCC to provide continuing financial support to the group to meet a shortfall of some £1,500.00 per year. Following a discussion, Cllr Suthers recommended that Good Neighbours be asked for a five year financial plan for consideration; Cllr Silver seconded. All agreed. Cllr McKerlich will look into the status of other Good Neighbours' groups in Cardiff.
- 12.341.3** Radyr Library : A sum of £47.88 was requested as a contribution towards the cost of percussion instruments. Cllr Silver recommended payment to main council. A vote was taken: 3 in favour; 2 against. The payment was recommended to main council.
- 12.341.4** Morganstown Village Hall : A grant was requested to purchase a baby changing table for MVH. The Clerk informed the meeting that a similar item in the OCR had cost some £200. Cllr Davies recommended that payment be taken from the current year's allocation of £2,500; Cllr McKerlich seconded. All agreed.
- 12.341.5** Welsh Border Fancy Canary Club : A request was received for a contribution towards the cost of transport equipment. Cllr Silver recommended that the grant be refused on the grounds that the group is outside R&M; Cllr Davies seconded. All agreed.
- 12.342** FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The financial statement was presented to the committee.
- 12.342.1** The balance in the cash book at August 31 was £98,054.50.
- 12.342.2** The Capital Reserve (Millennium Fund) account has been closed and the balance of £8,962.35 transferred to the Business Reserve account on August 2.
- 12.342.3** £20,000.00 came off deposit with NatWest on July 20 and was paid into the Business Reserve account. Interest earned on the 12 months was £405.04.
- 12.342.4** £1,820.00 remains in the grant budget
- 12.343** TO RECOMMEND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CELEBRATION EVENT: Following a discussion Cllr Davies recommended that a sum up to £350.00 be allocated to cover the cost of a gift and refreshments for the Philpott family and council staff.
- 12.344** TO DISCUSS THE PAYMENT OF THE PHONE BILL BY DIRECT DEBIT: Cllr Silver reported to the meeting that payment of the phone bill by direct debit would save £9.00 per quarter. Cllr Silver recommended and Cllr Suthers seconded that a direct debit be set up. All agreed.
- 12.344.1** The Clerk reported that the phone contract had been renewed with BT with a saving of £40/year on the internet.

- 12.345** TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF OVERTIME FOR THE CLERK: Cllr Silver explained that the Clerk had accrued overtime in the first three months of the year because of the Jubilee. Time had been taken in lieu of payment and twenty five hours remained. Cllr Suthers proposed that the Clerk be paid 25 hours overtime at the standard rate; Cllr Davies seconded. All agreed.
- 12.346** TO CONSIDER INVESTING COUNCIL RESERVES: Cllr Silver reported that he and the Clerk had looked at this issue. Since interest rates were under 1% and it was too late to do this in the current year, Cllr Silver recommended that investment be looked at in March and each subsequent year; Cllr McKerlich seconded. All agreed.
- 12.347** TO CONSIDER EXTRA EXPENDITURE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR STATION ROAD: Cllr Silver reported that the lighting company has quoted £990.58 + VAT for this year's light installation including a new string of white lights. An extra string of red lights would cost £225 + VAT with installation included in the original quote. The Council budget for Christmas lights is £1,000.00. Cllr Silver recommended and Cllr McKerlich seconded that the extra expenditure of £215.58 be made. All agreed.
- 12.348** TO REVIEW AND SIGN CHEQUES: Nine cheques were examined and signed for presentation at the Council meeting on 27 September 2012 for final approval.
- 12.349** TO PUT FORWARD ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: Radyr & District Good Neighbours.
- 12.350** DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY October 18 2012