

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ST NEOTS TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE MOOT, THE PRIORY CENTRE
ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2011

Present:

Cllr S van de Kerkhove - Chairman
Cllr P K Ursell
Cllr B Chapman
Cllr Mrs D Collins

90. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R W Eaton (unwell).

91. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

92. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2011 were **APPROVED**.

93. Trailer

At the meeting of 24 March, the Operations Manager had been instructed to provide full specifications of the trailer he wished to purchase to allow the Operations Team to utilise both of the ride-on mowers at their disposal. At present, they have only one trailer to transport both mowers.

The cost of the trailer is approximately £2,400 and the annual equipment budget is £2,000 so the remainder would need to be vired from Earmarked Reserves.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Responsible Finance Officer and Town Clerk review the three quotes obtained, satisfy themselves that the chosen trailer offers best value and authorise the purchase of approved trailer.

94. CPALC Membership

The Affiliation Fee for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 was now due.

Members **APPROVED** the renewal of the CPALC Membership for 2011-12.

95. Grant Aid

The Town Clerk reported that she had received further information from Relate showing how the Council's Grant Aid donation for 2010-11 had been used to increase the number of counselling sessions offered by Relate.

Members **NOTED** the additional information provided.

96. Sunfest

The Town Clerk advised Members that she had experienced difficulties in receiving sponsorship for this year's event.

The Town Centre Initiative had confirmed that they would be able to donate £1,000 towards this year's event but no additional sponsorship had been secured despite strenuous efforts by the Town Clerk.

The previous years' Sunfest events had been zero budget with a £5,000 float. Members

RESOLVED that the Earmarked Reserves can be spent on this year's Sunfest as well as continuing to actively source sponsorship.

97. March 2011 Payments

The Responsible Finance Officer presented the payments for March 2011.

Members **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the payments.

98. Quarterly Figures

The Responsible Finance Officer advised Members that, due to the preparation of the year end accounts, the quarterly figures would not be available until the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

Members **NOTED** the report.

99. Noticeboard on Montagu Square

The Town Clerk had received a request from an Eynesbury Ward Councillor that the Town Council provide a noticeboard for Montagu Square, Eynesbury. The Clerk advised Members that she was in the process of reviewing all of the Council's noticeboards.

This item was deferred until the completion of the review of all noticeboards.

Meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

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CHAIRMAN
28.04.11