

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 5th MARCH
2009**

PRESENT: Cllr H Siggs (Chairman)
Cllrs D Anderson, C Borastero, M Brandon,
J North, J Parkes and C Price.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk.

09/005F APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Committee received the apologies from Cllr Kennedy.

09/006F FINANCIAL REPORT

The Chairman reported that the accounts for January and February had been scrutinised and approved with an increase in lettings being noted with approval.

09/007F REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(i) Wells Operatic Society

Subject to sight by the Town Clerk of the Society's accounts the Committee were happy to **resolve** to make a grant to cover the cost of the glass doors in the foyer refurbishment of the Little Theatre

Note: all members declared an interest in this application which was personal but not prejudicial by virtue of hospitality received from the Society over many years.

(ii) Wells Graffiti Project

Members received a presentation from Alex Wilson of the Youth Service who explained what had been done and the £200 shortfall. In the event she was asked to liaise with Radiolink through the Town Clerk from whom funding would be forthcoming.

09/008F FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CIVIC AWARD CRITERIA

This deliberation was deferred to the next meeting of the Archives and Civic assets Committee.

09/009F REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

(i) Council Properties

Cllr Anderson asked for matters to be considered in confidence.

(ii) Finance

Cllr North agreed to review budgets with the town Clerk at the end of the financial year.

(iii) Policies

The Town Clerk confirmed that all adopted policies were available for inspection in his office.

09/010F CONSIDERATION OF HIRING OF FACILITIES

After some discussion it was agreed to enhance hiring details and impose penalties when premises or goods were left in an unacceptable condition. The review of equipment and other arrangements would also be undertaken incrementally.

09/011F RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In order to consider arrangements concerning the lease of Council property it was unanimously **resolved** that the press and public be excluded under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as amended.

See confidential addendum.