

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2009

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

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent
Cllr S Robertson

09/035F FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Committee received the financial report for June which had been found to be satisfactory.

09/036F CEMETERY

Mr Luck presented his report which was noted. His first aid training renewal and aerial replacement requests were agreed. Formalisation of "cover" for him was in progress.

09/037F REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

(i) Council properties

Members noted that the lease of 1 Priory Road had been concluded and the tenant was in occupation. Works to the Town Hall would be commencing the following week. Members noted the lack of response from the Magistrates and approved the initiation of rent review proceedings.

(ii) Finance

Members noted that the internal audit had not yet been satisfactorily concluded. They were satisfied that this was not sinister but a procedural matter which would be resolved before the next meeting.

(iii) Policies

Cllr Siggs would prepare a workplan for this group.

09/038F REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Mendip Community Transport

Members noting that the application did not meet its criteria declined to make a grant but wished it to be known that it would consider future applications. The grant criteria would be put on the website.

09/039F REPORT ON ROADSIDE PLANTING MAINTENANCE

The Town Clerk's report was noted.

09/040F TOWN HALL MATTERS

(i) Redecoration and policy for future use

Members agreed to remove the dock, redecorate the room and recarpet it at a cost of £4,930. When this work was complete, market and other such uses would be refused.

(ii) Dogs

No dogs except recognised assistance dogs should be allowed in the Town Hall and a notice would be displayed to this effect.

Fly posting outside the building and posters on the walls should not be allowed.

09/041F ACTION ON EMPTY COUNCIL PROPERTIES

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Robertson, as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, would continue to review empty retail properties in the City Centre whilst cllr Anderson would look at other sites such as the former service station in Bath Road and the Cottage Hospital, both reporting to the City Council.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2009

PRESENT: Cllr T Robbins (Chairman)
Cllrs D Anderson, C Borastero, N Kennedy
and J North.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk

09/034F APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2009

Having noted the apologies from Cllrs Brandon, Price and Siggs members asked questions of the Town Clerk and being satisfied **resolved** that the accounts be approved together with the Annual Governance Statement. The accounts statement and annual governance statement were then signed by the Mayor.