

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the **Finance Committee** meeting held on **Wednesday 9 September 2009, 8pm** at the Council Offices, Recreation Ground, London road, Stone, Kent.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

A Martin **Chair**
I T N Jones
J Burrell
Ms S Thredgale
Mrs N Wightman

In Attendance:

Mrs J Thomas – Clerk to Council
Mrs M Martin – Senior Administrator

14/09/09F: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Mrs T Richards and Mrs S Martin.

15/09/09F: TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

16/09/09F: TO ACCEPT QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no public present.

17/09/09F: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 2009

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 10 June 2009 are accepted as a true record by the Council and signed by the Chair.

18/09/09F: TO DISCUSS MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

19/09/09F: TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MR KEVIN FUNNELL AS INTERNAL AUDITOR

This item was deferred pending further information.

20/09/09F: TO APPROVE THE REVISED COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2009/10

Members were presented with a revised budget following recent events. The committee was asked to approve the recommendations because the budget approved in January 2009 does not now reflect likely activity following recent events.

As such, a revised budget was produced to reflect the likely receipts and payments for the remainder of this financial calendar.

Resolved:

That the committee approve the revised council budget for 2009/10.

21/09/09F: TO RECEIVE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

Members were provided with detailed analysis for individual cost centres showing that the council budget is in a relatively healthy state. The council are almost halfway through the financial calendar and a revision of the budget is necessary to provide a better reflection of likely council activity and enable more accurate budget monitoring for the next six months.

A full breakdown is still outstanding from Stone Fete. All but two of the pitch holders have paid their contributions.

Resolved:

That the committee note the findings of the report for September.

22/09/09F: TO AUTHORISE PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Members were provided with details of receipts and payments for July and August 2009.

Resolved:

That receipts and payments for August 2009 be approved.

23/09/09F: TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL GROUPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Name of Organization	Reason for Grant	Amount requested	Decision
<i>The Brent (6th Dartford) Windmill Cub Pack</i>	For funds towards hall hire of Brent School for weekly meetings and to help subsidise camps for those parents suffering financial difficulties	£200	£200 Approved
<i>Cherished Memories</i>	For help towards coach costs for trip to Woburn Abbey in September for terminally ill children	£200	£200 Approved
<i>Stone Modern Sequence Dance Club</i>	Funds towards hall rental and Christmas Dinner		£200 Approved

The committee expressed a need to establish criteria for allocation of grant money for the next financial year.

Resolved:

That, under S137 of the Local Government Act, approved grants are paid to the relevant organisations and criteria for allocation of grant money is put on a future next finance agenda.

24/09/09F: TO RECEIVE ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Gravesend/Dartford Friendship Centre** – Note of thanks for Grant Application funding.
Noted.
- b. **Stone (Dartford) Elm Pack** – Note of thanks for Grant Application funding.
Noted.

25/09/09F: TO CONCLUDE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- 1. Criteria for future Grant Applications
- 2. Budget Proposals 2010/11

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

DATED THE

DAY OF

2009

CHAIRMAN