

Minutes of a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on **Tuesday 14th April 2009** in the **Pavilion at Elm Park, Filton.**

PRESENT: - Cllrs: - R Hutchinson (Chair), A Monk (Vice Chair), T Blake, D Daniels, B Freeguard, T Pomroy, A Tink

APOLOGIES: - Cllrs:- J Hutchinson, S Sims

246. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

247. MINUTES: of the meeting held 10th March 2009 were approved as an accurate record.

Cllr Daniels arrived at this point

248. MATTERS ARISING: *From Minute 240 – Fencing Quotes – Elm Park –* The Clerk reported that quotes had now been received and would be referred to full Council for consideration. *From Minute 243 – Acoustic Tiles –* The financial viability of the company had been checked and confirmed.

249. INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2009: The contents of both reports were noted.

250. TOWER SCAFFOLD REPLACEMENT: It was reported that it was necessary for the Council to purchase a replacement tower scaffold and provide appropriate training in order to comply with the recommendations made by the Council's insurance company. Quotes had been obtained from three companies, Planet Platforms, Giraffe Access and Industrial Alloy Scaffold Towers. **Agreed:** The site maintenance manager to be delegated the power to make the final decision. **Agreed:** The Clerk to ensure that the existing scaffold is disposed of in an appropriate sustainable manner.

Action: Site Maintenance Manager & Town Clerk

251. THIRD AVENUE GATES: It was reported that three of the Northville Councillors, Cllrs J Hutchinson, S Sims and D Daniels, had recently held a site visit to look at the area and consider the options available. Councillors reported that they had spoken to several residents who appeared to be surprised that the information they had been given by other residents was not entirely accurate. A general discussion took place amongst members on the way forward. **Agreed:** The Clerk to confirm the details of the deeds relating to ownership of the Millennium Green and to investigate the legislation surrounding rights for interested parties.

Action: Town Clerk

Agreed: Cllr Blake to provide the Clerk with further information on 'birdcage walks'.

Action: Cllr Blake

Agreed: To obtain three fencing quotes for measures to help maintain public access to the Green.

Action: Town Clerk

Agreed: To write to all residents in Third Avenue and Shield Road plus the Head Teacher at both Charborough Road School and Shield Road School to inform them of the Council's decisions and to suggest a reasonable timescale to come up with alternative plans. Copies of the letter to be displayed at various points around the Green.

Action: Town Clerk

252. BAR UPDATE:

i) Stocktaker's Report: The contents of the report for the period covering 2nd March 2009 to 1st April 2009 were noted.

ii) Signage: The Clerk advised that she was still awaiting further quotes.

Agreed: to report back.

Action: Town Clerk

253. POOL UPDATE:

i) Operations Manager's Report: The contents of the report were noted.

Monthly Swim Tickets: Agreed: The Operations Manager to report back with estimates on the financial impact of the scheme and to provide further details on how the scheme would be implemented and managed.

Action: Operations Manager

Active Cards: Agreed: To include monthly reports as an agenda item for monitoring purposes. **Agreed:** To invite a representative from the Community Sport and Active Lifestyles department at South Gloucestershire Council to give a presentation at a future meeting.

Action: Operations Manager

254. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE:

i) Notes of a meeting held 24th March 2009: The contents were noted.

Fieldworks: A lengthy debate took place on whether the information provided for the project had been sufficiently detailed or understood by all members. It was suggested that a presentation by the contractors to full Council might help to allay members concerns and answer any questions they might have. Other members felt that the project review group should deal with the issues raised.

Agreed: the Clerk to pursue the information needed for a decision on the type of footpath surfacing and exercise equipment required and that a meeting of the Capital Projects Group to be convened in the next week to consider recommendations to full Council on 28th April 2009. All members to be invited although it was recognised that the meeting might have to take place during the day. Any recommendation to be ratified by full Council. **Agreed:** The Clerk to contact Churngolds with the information requested regarding the remit of the review group.

Action: Town Clerk

Design for Mud Jumps: Agreed: to refer to full Council.

Action: Town Clerk

BMX Track: The Clerk reported that the Council's insurance company are due to carry out an inspection of the area following a recent accident on the track.

255. GRANT APPLICATIONS:

i) BAC 100 Oral History Project: Agreed: To award a grant of £1,000.

ii) North Bristol Advice Centre: Agreed: To award a grant of £3,000 as previously agreed in this year's budget. It was also agreed to explore the possibility and costs involved of either NBAC or CAB of having a base in Filton and to review the budget for next year during the estimates process.

iii) Four Towns Play Association: Agreed: to award a grant of £4,000 and to continue to offer free use of the Council's facilities. **Agreed:** That next year's budget for the play association should be agreed separately from the general S137 grants allocation.

iv) Filton Twinning Association: Agreed: to award a grant of £800 towards the cost of this year's hosting event in addition to the agreed annual grant of £650. Cllr Freeguard asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that grant funding should not be used to subsidise accommodation costs.

v) Running Total: Agreed: to remove those organisations from the 'applications expected' list who had not applied for a grant during the previous financial year.

A motion was passed to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item due the confidential nature of its content.

256. STAFFING COMMITTEE:

i) Minutes of a Meeting held 24th March 2009: See confidential minute attached.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.05pm