

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – TOWN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 13 JULY 2009**

TF023/09 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllrs K Frith, A Pollock. In attendance –Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

TF024/09 Apologies: Cllrs D Haspel, I Ratcliffe, M Ratcliffe.

TF025/09 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

TF026/09 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Town and Finance Committee dated 8 June 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

TF027/09 Monthly Balance Sheet & Bank Reconciliation:

The monthly balance sheet and bank reconciliation was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF028/09 Monthly Budget Balance:

The monthly budget balance was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF029/09 Donations/Financial Support:

- a) Request for concessionary letting for Charity Event: A letter had been received from a resident seeking a concessionary letting of the Town Hall to raise funds for the colo-rectal unit at the Derby City Hospital.

RECOMM: That a concessionary letting be approved.

- b) Request for concessionary letting for Charity Event: An application had been received from a resident seeking a concessionary letting of the Town Hall to raise funds for Help for Heroes Campaign.

RECOMM: That a concessionary letting be approved.

- c) Request for financial assistance, Victim Support: A letter had been received from Victim Support in Derbyshire seeking a financial contribution to their services.

RECOMM: That a donation of £75 be approved.

TF030/09 Town Hall/Memorial Hall Improvements – Update:

A meeting had been held with the project managers who had produced a written report (attached) outlining progress to date. A discussion took place on possible

funding sources which were being pursued. A meeting is to be held with user groups, to discuss the proposals and to seek their views on the priorities.

RECOMM: That the report be noted.

TF031/09 Letter from Peak Osteopathy:

The tenant of the former rates office had written to the Town Council asking if they would consider a rent reduction for a period of time to reflect extensive upgrades he has carried out to the premises.

RECOMM: That the rent be waived for a period of 2 months.

TF032/09 Radon readings, Memorial Hall – monitoring and remedial measures

It was reported that radon monitors had been fitted at the Town Hall and Memorial Hall, and the readings at the Memorial Hall indicated the need for remedial measures to be taken, ie an extraction system to be fitted. A discussion took place on this matter, and it was felt that further advice should be taken from DCC with regard to the type and cost of remedial measures, but that delegated powers be granted to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of Committee, should urgent work be required.

RECOMM: That the Clerk seeks further advice from DCC, regarding the above, and that delegated powers be granted as outlined above.

TF033/09 The Power of Wellbeing:

The Clerk had issued documents outlining the key points of new legislation which grants the power of wellbeing to local authorities. The Clerk gave further details of the requirements the Council would need to meet in order to apply this legislation, including the production of a community strategy. A discussion took place on this criteria should the Council wish to adopt this power. It was felt that this power would be useful for large community projects which have been identified in the Town Council's community strategy and which would fall outside of the scope of Section 137, by way of spending limits or powers. The Town Council could then plan the project and the method of raising revenue whilst working towards meeting the requirements of the Power of Wellbeing. Cllrs were reminded that the power lapsed automatically at each election.

RECOMM: That should the Town Council identify a large community project within their community strategy they could work towards the requirements of the Power of Wellbeing whilst establishing funding etc.

TF034/09 Tenders returned:

- a) Bus Shelters: Annual cleaning – three quotations sought, two received = £140 and £630
- b) Grit Bins: Annual Servicing – three quotations sought, one received = £100 per bin, plus grit costs
- c) External Socket, Memorial Hall – two quotations sought and received = £695 and £326.80

RECOMM: That

- a) Bus Shelters – the quotation in the sum of £140 be accepted for a period of 3 years;
- b) Grit Bins – that the quotation in the sum of £100 per bin, plus grit costs, be accepted for a period of 3 years;
- c) External Socket – that the quotation, in the sum of £326.80 be accepted.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m

.....Chairman