

**WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL – TOWN AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009**

TF051/09 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllrs K Frith, D Haspel, I Ratcliffe, M Ratcliffe, C Whittall. In attendance – Cllrs F Bark, D Brown, Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

TF052/09 Apologies: Cllr A Pollock.

TF053/09 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

TF054/09 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Town and Finance Committee dated 14 September 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

TF055/09 Monthly Balance Sheet & Bank Reconciliation:

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

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF056/09 Monthly Budget Balance:

The monthly budget balance was circulated for information.

RECOMM: That this be noted.

TF057/09 Budget 2010-11 and setting of Precept:

The Clerk reported that the precept figure for the year 2010-11 is requested by DDDC in December, and it was therefore necessary to produce a budget for that year, in order to determine the precept. A draft budget had been circulated to all members for consideration, and represented a zero percentage increase on last year's precept. A lengthy discussion took place on the proposals, and it was felt that it would be useful if some of the documents could be produced in a slightly different format. It was also felt that an update on the town hall improvements proposals and budget would be beneficial at this time.

RECOMM: That Cllrs take away the current documents, and that Cllrs Clamp and Haspel would forward further documents as soon as possible, and that the matter be finally determined at the next meeting.

TF058/09 Request for Concessionary Letting – Wirksworth Carnival & Welldressings Committee:

A letter had been received from the Wirksworth Carnival & Welldressings Committee seeking a retrospective concession for the use of the Town Hall/Memorial Hall over the Carnival/Welldressing period 2009, and seeking a future concession for 2010.

RECOMM:

- a) That the Town Council agrees to both the retrospective and the future concessionary letting;
- b) That the Town Council pledges financial support to the Carnival & Welldressings Committee, but that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of the most recent accounts be requested, and the matter be finalised at the next meeting.

TF059/09 Town Hall/Memorial Hall Improvements – Update:

Cllr Clamp gave an update of the present position, and said that the bid had now been submitted for Market Towns funding, for the staging. Plans had also been drawn up for possible improvements to the kitchen, passage and Clubroom, although costings had not yet been produced. The project manager had now received a report regarding possible heating improvements, ranging from £6,700 for thermostats to be fitted to the radiators, to £24,000 for a full replacement of the piping, with zone control. A further meeting would be held with the project managers in two weeks' time.

RECOMM: That the report be noted.

TF060/09 Exclusion of Public and Press:

RECOMM: That in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting, as publicity to the matters under discussion would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr I Ratcliffe left the meeting at 8.10pm

TF061/09 National Joint Council for Local Government Services – Agreement on Pay Scales for 2009-10.

It was reported that agreement had been reached to upgrade points 4-10 inclusive by 1.25% and scale points 11 and upwards by 1%. The Clerk also requested permission to proceed to the next point for the relevant staff on 1 April, bringing them both to the top of their grades. and allowing for inclusion in next year's budget.

RECOMM: That the pay agreement be implemented from 1 April 2009 and authority be granted for progression to the next point for relevant staff, from 1 April 2010.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

.....Chairman