

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND POLICY

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on the **10th June, 2009** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT	Councillor A. Ross Councillor N. Fogg Councillor Mrs E M Hannaford-Dobson Councillor A Kirk Wilson Councillor G Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts	Chairman
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Linda Chapman Councillor B Castle	Civic Secretary Observing

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972

68/09 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Dobson - Personal

69/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

70/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending this evenings meeting as the accounts need to approved by the 30th June, 2009 deadline.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Mrs E M Hannaford-Dobson and S R Dobson to the Finance and Policy Committee.

He also thanked members for his election as Chairman and welcomed the support of his Vice-Chairman Councillor R Pitts.

71/09 NOTICE OF AUDIT –

The Committee received a copy of Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Elector's Rights for information.

The Committee agreed that this information is noted.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford-Dobson stated that she would not be able to vote in favour of these accounts as she felt let down by our internal auditors.

The Chairman acknowledged Councillor Hannaford-Dobson's comments.

72/09

2008/2009 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Committee received the Statement of Accounts for 2008/2009

The Chairman distributed copies of Abridged Accounts referenced to annual budget reports and supporting schedules. Councillor A Kirk Wilson and The Mayor Councillor N Fogg congratulation the chairman for the very comprehensive information provided to support the accounts.

The committee conducted a thorough appraisal of the accounts and the supporting information. As no issues arose the accounts could be recommended to the Full Town Council to confirm the financial position at 31st March 2009.

It was decided that information should be obtained from local councils to compare with our presentation and results. It was also decided that consideration should be given to the future disclosure of Town Hall income.

The Chairman stated that that the committee should discuss Agenda item 6 and agree the accounts along with the annual return.

73/09

ANNUAL RETURN 2008/2009

The Committee received the Annual Return 2008/2009

The Committee agreed to receive a monthly Statement of Income and Expenditure to enable closer monitoring of the above items against budget.

Proposed by Councillor G Loosmore, seconded by Councillor R Pitts and –

RECOMMENDED: by 5 votes and 1 against that the Annual Return along with the Statement of Accounts 2008/2009 be approved with an explanatory note attached concerning Section 2 Item 6 Annual Governance Statement as during the meeting there was a debate regarding Item 6 due to the fact that we had encountered problems during the year but having carried out a review of this had put in place effective solutions and therefore felt that we were able to answer yes.

Councillor Mrs Hannaford-Dobson stated that she would like it noted that she can not Items 2 or 6 (Section 2).

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm