

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND POLICY

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on the **8th March, 2010** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT	Councillor A. Ross Councillor N. Fogg Councillor S.R. Dobson Councillor Mrs E M Hannaford-Dobson Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor G Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Liam Costello Mrs Sue Fry Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor S. Radnedge Mr. N. Kerton	Town Clerk Office Manager Observing Observing Wiltshire Gazette and Herald

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

552/09 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

553/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

554/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson requested that all relevant papers are received prior to the meeting to allow Councillors time to read them. The Town Clerk was asked to investigate when papers have to be circulated. The Chairman said it was acceptable and helpful if further information is tabled at meetings to assist members in their deliberations.

555/09 5 HIGH STREET

The Committee received a report from the Town Clerk regarding the decision of the Property Committee to agree in principle to the proposal to redevelop 5 High Street.

Following a lengthy discussion Councillor S.R. Dobson proposed seconded by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford Dobson that the full financial implications of these proposed works are investigated against the present 'status quo'. This proposal was lost.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor R. Pitts and –

RESOLVED: by 5 votes for with 2 against that the Council proceed with the refurbishment of 5 High Street on the basis as set out in the report, but that the full financial implications as to its use are investigated within the wider context of the Town Hall redevelopment and then brought back to the Finance and Policy committee for discussion.

A named vote was requested.

For :- Councillors' Ross, Loosmore, Pitts, Kirk-Wilson and the Mayor.

Against :- Councillors' Dobson and Mrs Hannaford-Dobson.

556/09

FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Committee considered the Council's Financial Risk Assessments.

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore and –

RESOLVED: by 5 votes for with 2 abstentions that the Council adopt the Financial Risk Assessment as per attached copy.

557/09

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL INTERNAL CONTROL.

The committee received a report from the Town Clerk on the review of effectiveness of the system of financial internal control required to be carried out as part of the Account and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended). After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: unanimously to note the review of effectiveness of the system of financial internal control, and approve the Statement of Internal Control (copy attached).

558/09 CALL-IN POLICY

The Committee considered details for a call in policy.

Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Call in Policy be adopted but that a hard copy of the Minutes be delivered by close of business on the second day following the meeting as opposed to email.

559/09 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Committee review the latest report from the Council's Internal Auditor and the responses to the recommendations contained therein. it was –

RESOLVED: To note the content of the report and to approve the response to the recommendations.

560/09 TWINNING

The Chairman invited Councillor Francis to give a brief report on this item (copy attached).

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor G. Loosmore –

RESOLVED: by 5 votes for with 2 against that the Council welcome this Link and that it is taken forward.

561/09 GRANTS

The Committee considered the following requests for grants –

Link	250.00	(Transport Act 1985 S106A)
Victim Support	250.00	(Local Government Act 1972 S137)
Prospect Hospice	1,000.00	(Local Government Act 1972 S137)
Wiltshire Young Carers	1,000.00	(Local Government Act 1972 S137)
MADJA	1,250.00	(Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 S19)
Alzheimers	200.00	(Local Government Act 1972 S137)
Vitalise	124.50	(Local Government Act 1972 S137)

Proposed by Councillor R. Pitts, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that all of the above grants be approved.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm