
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2008
AT 19.30 HRS**

Those present:

Chairman: Cllr J Riordan

Councillors:

Cllr B Amos
Cllr A Terry
Cllr Mrs P Allen
Cllr Mrs J Smith
Cllr Mrs A Haywood
Cllr Mrs. B Wilkins

Officers: Mrs. D Weir

Public: No members of the public.

1.

Apologies.

The apology from Cllr E Knibb was accepted for the reason given. The Chairman welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman of this Committee..

2. **Declarations of Personal or other interests.**

None declared at this stage.

3. **Election of the Vice Chairman.**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that Cllr Wilkins be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Civic Year 2008-2009.

4. **Terms of Reference**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Riordan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Wilkins **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the terms of reference for the Finance & General Purposes Committee as circulated to members be approved for signature by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Amos.

5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 30th April and 14th May , 2008 be signed as a true and correct record.

6. **Planning Applications.**

Planning applications received since the last Meeting were considered by the Committee, and the recommendations thereto are set out overleaf. The Chairman explained that Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council now prefer to make applications available on line at www.solihull.gov.uk/planning/dc/viewapp.asp.

7. **Residents' Concerns.**

Cllr Amos referred to problems with youths drinking and the request for the Parish Council to support Castle Bromwich being established as an Alcohol Free Zone.

Cllr Wilkins stated that Inspector Rischmiller, Alison Lush, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and Gavin Morrice, Licensing Officer, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, were to be invited to a Parish Council Meeting on 30th July 2008 to seek a multi-agency approach for the benefit and support of local residents who had requested re-instatement of the dispersal order and establishment of an alcohol free zone.. It was felt that their presence at a public meeting would lead to the public being in a position to make strong representation to support their request. Cllr Terry referred to the Dome Camera and queried whether it was a deterrent. Cllr Smith advised that the Dome Camera was a deterrent and let the Police Force know when gangs of youths were around. Members felt that the Dispersal Order should be reinstated in particular, for the Village Green, Whately Green and the War Memorial.

8. Communications.

Communications received since last meeting: Routine bulletins and newsletters / B & Q Trade Account Cards / letter of thanks from Community Transport Solihull for grant aid / Solihull MBC – A452 Collector Road (A47) Newport Road junction changes / Letters of thanks for donations received from: 5th Castle Bromwich Brownies, St Mary & St Margaret's CE Primary School, Age Concern, Castle Bromwich Friends of Acorns / ACAS Publications / Letter from Cllr Richards re. flooding of garden at 119 Water Orton Road / Allianz Cornhill – acknowledge of claim / Solihull MBC – three year integrated highway plan / Lloyds TSB letter re telephone banking service plus bank statements/ West Midlands Police – Asbestos survey / letter requesting discount from Hirer (see enclosed) / Solihull NHS Care Trust – letter re Strategic Direction and local priorities plus email / Email from Paul Messenger re Pavilion Clubroom Refurbishment and letter / NALC – letter re fifth Chairmen's and Mayors' lunch / Solihull MBC – Match Funding Scheme / Geldards Law update / Solihull MBC Waterloo Housing Association – Notice of Football skills training / Solihull MBC – leaflet and print out of Conservation Area /ROSPA - letter re seminar / Lloyds TSB – letter re Change of signatories /Zurich Municipal – Seminar / invitation to induction of new Rector at St Mary & St. Margaret's Church / LGA Training courses / suppliers sales information

9. Grant Aid Applications.

Members considered an application for Grant Aid from Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust for £200. A copy of the Trust's Accounts had been provided with the application.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Cllr Mrs. Wilkins, **SECONDED** by Cllr Amos, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that a donation of £200 be approved for Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Trust.

Cllr Mrs Smith voted against the proposal as she felt that the Trust received sufficient donations from other sources. She asked for her views to be recorded.

10. Pension Policy.

Councillors noted that a revised policy would need to be adopted due to recent legislation changes. This was to be circulated to members when advice on the policy had been received and a decision taken based on that guidance.

11. Payments.

Members considered the payments as set out in the attached list.

IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:- that the invoices submitted for payment be approved.

12. The Clerk's Report.

Members noted there was no report from the Clerk.

