

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on Monday 22 June 2009. Meeting commenced at 6.00 pm.

Present Chairman: Cllr Mrs Binns
Cllrs J Capel, P Davies, Ms Hazell, Mrs P Plant and M Taylor

Officer: Mrs Janet Holmes

1031. Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr P Adams

1032. Declarations of interest

Cllr Capel declared an interest in item 1035 by reason of having a number of members of Burnham Joggers as his clients.

Cllr Capel declared an interest in item 1036 by reason of being a consultant to the company that undertakes the Council's payroll at the present time.

1033. Public Forum

No member of the public was present

1034. Matters Arising not covered in the minutes

1015 (d) CRB checks

A letter has been received from Burnham Lighthouse 2009 confirming that all volunteer helpers have an enhanced CRB check and undergo training sessions before helping with the project.

1017 Use of Burnham Park Hall by Fire Brigade.

Two crews will be doing full scale exercises in the hall on Friday. It was AGREED that a press release be issued showing our joint co-operation with the fire brigade and acting as a publicity exercise to assist them to find other premises for training purposes

1020 Update on Halls progress report by Cllr Taylor see attached

Cllr Taylor referred to his report. A letter would be sent to PaceSetters stating that we would like to work with them but that the appointment would be subject to members agreeing with the company the extent and cost of the services the Council requires. Cllr Taylor gave the meeting a further verbal report on the work the QS was undertaking. A report had been received on the proposed ground source heating but the figures quoted are being clarified by the QS. No trial bore hole will take place until further information was available.

Councillors were aware of the office had received borrowing permission from the Department for Communities and Local Government. The permission note is for part of the sum requested; whilst we have the verbal assurance that the full amount will be forthcoming the office has requested confirmation in writing.

Cllr Ms Hazell had received an offer from Mr Cole to undertake work in obtaining grant funding for the Halls project in return for a percentage of the amount received. As it was not on the agenda and time was short, it was agreed that the matter would be deferred until the next scheduled meeting to be held on 27 July

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1035. To consider applications for grant funding

Section 137 Local Government Act 1972

Name	Item requested	Amount requested	Amount granted
Rhonda Fenwick	Film project for Burnham Joggers exhibition	£495	£300
The Well	Support to establishing Coulson Way Residents Association. Support for gardening equipment to be used to clear the area on 19 July 2009.	£500	Purchase items

1. AGREED to grant £300 to the Burnham Joggers
2. AGREED that the Parish Council request a list of items that could be used. These will be purchased and donated to the Well
 - Cllr Hazell volunteered to support the refreshments on 19 July 2009 [the Big Lunch Day] from her District Council community budget. She agreed to approach Cllrs Hilary Evans and Jane Wallis for similar support
 - The Clerk was requested to contact County Cllr Dhillon who might be willing to support the scheme via the Community Leader's Fund

1036. To agree the creation of two administration posts; their roles, hours of work and salary

It was agreed that this item be deferred for discussion at the next meeting of the F & GP committee set for 6 pm on 9 July 2009.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.05 pm