

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 7 June 2011 at Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway

Present: Cllr. E. Gordon (in the Chair)
J.D. Moore
P. Cottrell
M. Grotzke
D. Tiley
S. Scott
K. Walker
Miss R.Thorne (arrived late)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mills.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest not already recorded

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

a) Saturday Club

The Committee noted that there had been a decision at the March Council meeting that no further funding should be allocated to Southern Brooks Community Partnership and that this precluded the Council from considering the request for funding for the Saturday Club for 6 months. It was suggested that in the meantime SBCP should be asked to provide information on the club and the number of children affected by its closure.

b) Patchway Community Centre building plans

The Committee noted that a meeting was to be held with representatives of the Community Centre's committee and David Pearce, architect with SGC, on Friday 10 June to see the plans drawn up for rebuilding the Community Centre. It was noted that the Community Centre representatives had requested that the new building's footprint should include the grass at the rear of Callicroft House and the

Casson Centre and it was agreed that this request would have to be discussed by the Council.

c) Request for meeting with Community Centre to discuss finance

It was noted that a meeting had been requested to discuss the financial situation of the Community Association and it was agreed that this should be arranged.

d) Matters agreed during purdah

The Committee noted that during the purdah period before the elections, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had agreed that a contractor should carry out the verti-draining of the football pitches as the Council's tractor had a fault which could not be repaired in time and also that the grant of £5,000 should be made to Patchway Community Association following a meeting with its officers.

5. Current financial position

The Committee noted that the bank balances at today's date were:

Current account:	£1,000.00
Business Reserve account:	£289,470.76

6. Monthly summary of expenditure

The Committee noted the summary of expenditure for the months of April and May.

7. Grant applications

The following grant applications were agreed:

South Glos. Senior Citizens Forum: £200
Patchway PHAB Club: £300
Wednesday Luncheon Club: £600
Four Towns Play Association: £5,000
Bristol BMX Club: £500

The Committee decided unanimously not to take a decision on the application by Patchway Centre Pre School Group for a grant to recover the tunnels in the Community Centre courtyard until the situation of redevelopment of the land was clarified and cheaper alternatives had been explored.

The Committee agreed to consider an application from the police for a grant towards a production for older people on distraction burglaries if they could be sure that maximum publicity would be carried out to ensure a good audience.

8. Patchway Community College

The Committee agreed that a meeting with representatives of the Community College should be arranged for the evening of Tuesday 21 June to discuss the proposal to build a new technical school in Stoke Gifford which would threaten the viability of the College.

9. Annual Accounts

The Committee noted the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31.3.11. prior to audit, which were circulated and which would be on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

10. Replacement of CCTV equipment at Coniston Parade

The Committee received a report on the failure of the DVR which operated the CCTV cameras at Coniston Parade. SGC had loaned a machine but had recommended a replacement at a cost of £3,522. They would also arrange a maintenance contract for the Town Council which would be a considerable saving on the current contract.

It was proposed by Cllr. Tiley, seconded by Cllr. Grotzke and unanimously agreed to replace the equipment as listed.

11. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5 June.