

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 4 March 2014 at
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)
M. Grotzke
Mrs E. Orpen
P. Cottrell
A. Alsop.
M. Greensword
K. Walker
E. Gordon

In attendance: Mrs L. Hamid
Miss M. Crump

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Scott.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman asked any members having an interest in a matter to be discussed in the meeting to declare it at the appropriate time. When there was a conflict of interest in a meeting the person would be asked to leave the meeting during discussion and voting.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February were proposed by Cllr. Walker, seconded by Cllr. Greensword, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Patchway Community Centre

It was noted that a meeting with officers would be held the following day.

b) Almondsbury Joint Burial Committee

Councillors who had attended the meeting the previous week reported that Andy Tubb had been elected as Chairman of the Committee. The

Committee was very sorry to hear that Ian Foulner had resigned as Clerk to the Committee after many years of service. Cllr. Grotzke stated that he had commended Mr. Foulner's contribution at the meeting. It was agreed to request the new Clerk to send a copy of the papers for each meeting to the Patchway Clerk for information.

c) Community Governance Review Meeting

The Chairman stated that there was no report as clarification on various matters was being sought from SGC.

5. Current financial position

The Committee noted that the financial position at today's date was:

Current a/c	£1,000.00
Business Reserve a/c	£222,996.73
Savings Bond	£25,000.00

6. Monthly summary of expenditure

The Committee noted and agreed the summary of expenditure for the month of February and also the income and expenditure accounts for the same period. It was noted that the Council was having problems with the new gas and electricity supplier (Total Gas and Power) which had led to incorrect bills being received for various addresses. The Deputy Clerk was working hard to overcome these billing errors.

7. Other financial or urgent matters

a) Presentation by Bridgehouse Capital

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for attending the presentation before the meeting by representatives of Bridgehouse Capital and their consultants JBP on the proposed development of the BAe runway, which had been extremely interesting and informative. The company would be presenting further details as plans developed.

b) Cribbs Patchway New Development

The consultation by SGC on this development had closed on 28 February and the comments agreed by the Council at the Planning & Transport Committee had been submitted.

c) Patchway Royal British Legion

A report was given on the meeting held with members of the Council and the RBL Branch Committee at which the Council's proposal to

upgrade the current memorial with a plinth to record the names of casualties from both World Wars and to make it more visible from Rodway Road. During the meeting a representative of the Legion came to confirm that their Committee had agreed to the Council's proposals. It was noted that the next step was to arrange a site visit with the Legion and the Co-op Funeral Service which was willing to make a financial contribution to the project. The aim was to have the plinth in place for a ceremony to be held in August to mark the start of the 1st World War and a report would be given to a future meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 7.30 p.m.