

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 3 June 2014 at
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

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

In attendance: Mrs L. Hamid
Mr. B. Wallace

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Gordon.

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 6 May were proposed by Cllr. Scott seconded by Cllr. Walker, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Patchway Community Centre

Cllr. Scott reported that the Community Association had received a further grant from SGC at the Area Forum and had obtained a lower quotation for the work to rectify the damp problems. This work would now be carried out.

- b) Bus Shelters
A response from SGC was awaited on improving the protection for passengers waiting at various shelters which were open on one side to the elements by installing an additional Perspex panel or reversing the shelter.
- c) Vision for Patchway Town Centre
Councillors were pleased that there had been a good response from the public to the display at the Annual Town Meeting. It was suggested that the working group should meet again to discuss the next steps.
- d) Wessex Water
Councillors were pleased that Wessex were sending regular reports on the progress of the new sewer works in Coniston Road.

5. Current financial position

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

Current a/c	£1,979.00
Business Reserve a/c	£376,578.65

6. Monthly summary of expenditure

The Committee noted and agreed the summary of expenditure for the month of May and also the income and expenditure accounts for the same period.

The Committee asked the Clerk to look at the contract paperwork for gas and electricity supplies to Total Gas and Power as they were concerned to hear that the Council was tied into a contract until 2016. A report would be given to the next meeting.

7. Grants

The Committee agreed the following grants, proposed by Cllr. Scott, seconded by Cllr. Alsop:

Patchway Minibus Committee running costs	£750
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The Committee discussed the request for a grant towards the cost of purchasing a new bus and, before taking a decision, asked if the Minibus Committee had

considered the option of taking out a lease for a new bus to include maintenance.

Four Towns Play Scheme

£5,000

8. Other financial or urgent matters

a) Almondsbury Joint Burial Committee

It was noted that the next meeting of this committee had been called for 5 June but two of the four representatives were unable to attend. The Clerk was asked to request a postponement for one week.

b) War Memorial

The Clerk was awaiting costings from the Co-op for adding names to the memorial. Cllr. Grotzke reported that the Legion Branch was making arrangements for a commemoration on 3 August of the beginning of the 1st World War.

c) Grass and Tree cutting

Councillors reported on the complaints they had received from residents at the poor quality grass cutting carried out by SGC this year. It was suggested that a list of trees covered by TPOs should be sent to Merlin to ensure they were aware of these before they carried out any tree work.

9. Date of next meeting

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