

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 7 April 2015 at  
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. Mills (in the Chair)  
P. Cottrell  
M. Greensword  
M. Grotzke  
S. Scott  
K. Walker

In attendance: Mrs L. Hamid

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Orpen.

**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 3 March were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Greensword, seconded Cllr. Grotzke.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Insurance: Renewal of fleet policy

The Committee noted that three prices had been obtained as requested from AON, Zurich and ERS (through WPS Insurance Brokers) and agreed to accept the lowest quotation from WPS for £2,257.89.

b) Joint meeting on CPNN

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 21 April at 2 p.m. It was agreed that another meeting should be arranged as soon

as possible after the election so that new Councillors could be kept informed of this development.

c) Power to sell locally-generated electricity

It was noted that a representative of Local Works had agreed to attend the meeting of the Patchway Safer & Stronger Group on 22 April at Patchway Police Station to explain this proposal to residents.

**5. Local Government Pension Scheme**

The Committee noted that the new rates for 2015-16 would be Employer's Contribution to increase from 13% to 14% and the monthly deficit recovery would remain at £541.67.

**6. Current financial position**

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

Current a/c	£1,451.00
Business Reserve a/c	£214,827.50
Capital Reserve a/c	£50,050.26

The Committee noted that in this balance was the amount of £2,183 which was a grant made by SGC to the Patchway Safer & Stronger Group and was being held by the Council on the Group's behalf for a landscaping project at the junction of Callicroft and Highwood Roads.

**7. Monthly summary of expenditure**

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

The Chairman stated that the 2014-15 budget had been successful because of the tight fiscal policy of this Council. Due to the healthy balance maintained this year, it had not been necessary to increase the Precept for the next financial year, despite the loss of Stoke Lodge and this policy would need to continue in the future.

There was a discussion on what information should be given on grants given in previous years when Councillors were discussion forthcoming grant applications. It was agreed to discuss this matter with the new Council.

**8. Other financial or urgent matters**

a) Boundary Signs

It was noted that two signs had been removed by the staff due to changes in the boundary from April and possible sites for new signs were discussed, i.e. northbound approach to Patchway Roundabout, entrance to Aztec West and approach to Charlton Hayes southbound on Hayes Way.

b) SGC Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2015

Copies of the Order were circulated and it was noted that this item would be on the agenda for the Council Meeting.

c) War Memorial

Councillors welcomed the progress in siting the War Memorial in Scott Park and noted that the Chairman of the RBL was working closely with the Council in designing the width of the approach.

**9. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7.30 p.m.