

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 1 March 2016 at  
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. C. Mills (in the Chair)  
E. Gordon  
P. Cottrell  
J. Butler  
R. Loveridge  
K. Dando  
Mrs M. Bathe-Taylor  
Mrs E. Martin

In attendance: Mrs L. Hamid  
Mr. M. Fortet

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen and Grotzke.

**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 2 February were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Loveridge and seconded by Cllr. Bathe-Taylor.

**4. Matters arising from the minutes**

a) Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday presentation mugs

A sample of the presentation mug was passed round the meeting. In addition to presenting one to each resident aged 90 years and over, it was agreed to include the three Freemen of Patchway. Other suggestions would be considered at the Council meeting.

b) 1625 Independent People

It was noted that Jamie Gill, Partnership Director of 1625, would be speaking at the beginning of the April Council meeting about housing for young people. Cllr. Gordon asked if Mr. Gill could comment on the possibility of using empty properties for this purpose.

**5. Resignation of Councillor Tiley**

The Committee was very sorry to hear that Cllr. Dave Tiley had resigned as Councillor and noted that the Clerk would declare this casual vacancy in the normal way. If there was not a claim for a by-election, the Council would be able to co-opt to fill this vacancy.

It was noted that this matter would be reported at the Council meeting.

**6. Current financial position**

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

Current a/c	£1,986.38
Business Reserve a/c	£187,735.90
Capital Reserve a/c	£58,070.44

It was noted that £8,000 of the funds in the Capital Reserve account was the grant for the Our Place project.

**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.

**9. Other financial or urgent matters**

a) Tarmac path to Callicroft Road rest area

The Clerk was asked to obtain two additional prices to compare with the SGC quotation of £8,153 for a 29m long path from the top of Ashford Road to the traffic lights, adjacent to the new rest area, for consideration at the next meeting.

b) Annual Town Meeting

The Committee proposed that this public meeting should be held at the Casson Centre on Wednesday 4 May at 7 p.m.

c) Changes to Library Services, One Stop Shops & Customer Services

The Committee noted that the SGC consultation on these services would be on the Council agenda. The Chairman asked the Clerk to circulate the paperwork to Councillors and also asked all Councillors to read this so that an informed discussion could take place at the Council Meeting. It was agreed to accept SGC's offer to send a speaker to give more information to the Council and to arrange this for the Annual Town Meeting on 4 May. This would give the Council an opportunity to take residents' comments into consideration when submitting their comments by the closing date of the consultation on 13 May.

**10. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5 April 2016.