

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 5 April 2016 at  
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

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

In attendance: Mrs L. Hamid

**1. Proposed Changes to the Planning System**

Before the business of the meeting, there was a discussion on the proposed changes to the planning system being put forward by the government as part of the Housing and Planning Bill. A consultation was open until 15 April and all Councillors had received a document prepared by the National Association of Local Councils giving a digest of the proposals.

Councillors noted that one of the major proposals was to introduce a two-stage planning process of “permission principle” and “technical details”. This equated to the current “outline” and “detailed” permission but the new change was that it would not be compulsory to notify and consult local councils on the “technical details”.

The Committee agreed to object to the erosion of consultation with local people on planning matters.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Orpen, Dando, Gordon, T. Bathe-Taylor and Messenger.

**3. 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.

#### **4. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed by Cllr. Bathe-Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Cottrell.

#### **5. Matters arising from the minutes**

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

It was noted that the invitations to the church service in Thornbury had now been received by those whose names had been passed to SGC.

The Clerk would arrange for the presentation mugs to be delivered to those the Council had agreed should receive them.

b) Resignation of Cllr. Tiley

It was noted that, as a by-election had not been claimed, the Council would fill the vacancy by co-option at the next meeting. The candidate

#### **6. 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	£165,639.46
Capital Reserve a/c	£50,072.17

The Chairman drew attention to the Committee's attention to the fact that at the end of the financial year, there was a balance of over £200,000, which had been the Council's aim. He thanked the Councillors and staff for their help in keeping the expenditure within budget.

#### **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.

**8. Other financial or urgent matters**

a) Tarmac path to Callicroft Road rest area

The Committee noted additional quotations which had been obtained for this work but as the specifications were not identical, the matter was referred to the next meeting when additional information had been obtained. It was suggested that a method statement from each contractor would be helpful.

b) Changes to Library Services

It was agreed to discuss at the next meeting whether the Council could make a financial contribution towards maintaining the level of service at the library in the next financial year (2017-18).

**9. Date of next meeting**

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