

PATCHWAY TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held on 2 May 2017 at
Callicroft House, Rodway Road, Patchway**

Present: Cllrs. Mrs E. Orpen (in the Chair)
Mrs M. Bathe-Taylor
K. Walker
K. Dando
J. Butler
R. Loveridge
S. Scott
P. Cottrell
Mrs E. Martin

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

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 4 April were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, proposed Cllr. Dando, seconded Cllr. Cottrell. There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.

4. 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	£449,574.63
Capital Reserve a/c	£50,132.85

5. Monthly summary of expenditure

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

6. Grant applications

a) Southern Brooks Community Partnerships

Julie Close and Ternaya Cummings attended the meeting to answer questions on the application for funding for youth and community work. Two papers were presented in response to the previous request for an update on the number of people from Patchway who attend SBCP activities and the funding for their work from other sources.

Cllr. Orpen asked what funding was received from other local councils and whether a breakdown of expenditure could also be supplied. She stated that the Town Council had to be able to justify expenditure to the electorate. Julie agreed to send this information as soon as possible.

Cllr. Butler asked if the Clerk was a Trustee of SBCP. The Clerk replied that she had been a Trustee for 25 years. Cllr. Butler considered that the Clerk should not be present when grants to SBCP were discussed. Cllr. Butler asked about a recent merger with SBCP of a community development organisation in Kingswood named Community Ignite. He asked whether this organisation was a limited company but Julie stated it was a charity and a community interest organisation but had now closed.

Cllr. Dando stated that local government had lost 40% of its central government funding in recent years and it could be that the Town Council would be unable to support SBCP in the future. Julie replied that SBCP was making every effort to raise funds from other sources, as could be seen from the information supplied.

Cllr. Martin stated that she was concerned that if the Council did not fund the community work, SBCP would not be able to work on producing the Patchway Community Plan.

The Chairman thanked Julie and Ternaya for their attendance and they then left the meeting. The Chairman stated that this application would not be discussed until the requested information was received.

b) Four Towns Play Association

The Committee agreed a grant of £5,000 towards the cost of the summer holiday play scheme in Patchway.

- c) Patchway Festival
The Committee agreed a grant of £3,500 towards the cost of the Festival. Cllr. Loveridge, as a member of the Festival Committee, left the room during discussion of this application.

7. Other financial or urgent matters

- a) The Committee agreed to pay for a licence for six months to enable the consultation for the Community Plan to be carried out on line. The cost of this licence would be £114.
- b) The Clerk informed Councillors that the SGC Environment and Resource Group (formerly known as the Waste Forum and Environmental Forum) would meet on Wednesday 10 May at 6.30 at the SUEZ Offices, Dean Road, Yate.
- c) Cllr. Butler expressed his concern about the legal situation of community interest organisations and what the effect on the Town Council would be if SBCP were to go into liquidation. The Clerk would seek advice on this issue.
- d) The Chairman asked about progress in arranging a meeting of the North Fringe Forum. The Clerk replied that Filton Town Council was making the arrangements and that she would find out the current situation, bearing in mind that 22 May was the proposed date for the meeting.
- e) Councillors were reminded that the Annual Town Meeting would be held the following evening.

8. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6 June 2017.