

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 16th JULY 2008

PRESENT

Mr. Steeples presided over Mesdames Harrison and Clark. Mr. Coward.

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. Holmes. Messrs. Mackin and Wren.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. REPORT FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR

A report on the Town Council's Accounts for the 2007/8 financial year has been received from the independent Internal Auditor. The Auditor was very positive in his summary and as such it is **RECOMMENDED** to full Council that the comments are adopted.

4. INFORMATION FROM MBDC–RE VACANCIES FOR TWO TOWN COUNCILLORS

The Electoral/Members' Services Manager at the D C has informed the committee that he has not received a request for an election to take place in respect of the current two vacancies. The committee has further been requested to co-opt two replacements as swiftly as possible.

5. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BEDS C C RE FARMERS MARKET

Beds C C has asked the committee to provide information on the Farmers Market for their website and directory. The clerk was requested to write a brief summary accordingly.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Concerns were raised about the prolonged absence of the School Crossing Patrol Officer in Ampthill Road. It is understood that this is due to illness which although regrettable, it is felt that the situation needs to be addressed. It is further understood that Beds police would support a pelican crossing and a suggestion was made that a School Crossing Patrol Officer could be deployed in Churchill Way. Beds Highways are to be contacted to check the feasibility of such a project.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.