

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Mackin presided over Mesdames Harrison and Holmes. Messrs. Mackin, Wren and Coward.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Mr. Steeples.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

At this point the committee welcomed Mr Mike O'Keefe from 2Digital who arrived to discuss a possible new town website.

It was agreed to form a sub-committee with a view to pooling ideas as to what items should be shown on the website and a general format for the information.

**3. NEW EXECUTIVE FOR CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL**

The Appointments Sub-Committee is recommending Richard Carr for the post of Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council. Mr. Carr is currently Chief Executive of Wolverhampton City Council.

**4. APPLICATION FOR FUNDS**

The committee has received an application for funding from two residents who have been planting bulbs etc. in the container adjacent to the Southfields bus shelter at the Southfields/Clifton Road junction.

The committee agreed that although the residents had done an excellent job they were not able to sanction any works on the highway. The two residents are to be sent a letter of thanks for their efforts and to receive a one-off payment for work already carried out.

**5. LETTER FROM RESIDENT RE BEDS POLICE**

The committee has received a copy of a letter from a resident to the Bedfordshire Chief Constable complaining that he didn't receive a very swift response from the police regarding an incident on his premises. Apparently the resident experienced a near miss from a metal tipped arrow that had been fired from some distance and had broken one pane of a double glazed window in his dining room. The clerk is to forward a copy of the letter to the MP.

**6. INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

The report on the year end audit has now been received from the Internal Auditor. The report was very positive and there were no outstanding issues to address.

**7. APPRAISAL/REVIEW – CLERK**

Mesdames Harrison and Holmes informed the committee that they had carried out the appraisal of the clerk's work/responsibilities and as such it was agreed to increase his salary by two spinal points. It was noted that there had been no salary increase for two years and the workload had increase quite substantially.

#### **8. INVOICE AUTHORISATION REQUIRED**

It was agreed to pay an invoice for £92.37 for the purchase of wood and materials to make 'A' boards for the Gala.

#### **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.