

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH MAY 2009

PRESENT

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

At this point the committee welcomed Louise Hodge from Corporate Creations who arrived to discuss the possibility of having a new up to date website. The committee outlined their 'wants list' and the inadequacies of the current site. Louise promised to send the names of several websites that she had previously organised along with a quotation for a Shefford Town website.

1. APOLOGIES

Messrs. Steeples and Coward.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. GRASSCUTTING SERVICE AGREEMENT

The committee discussed the above Service and Agreement. It was agreed that subject to the inclusion of a clause relating to the opportunity of delaying payment in the event of a poor quality cut a Draft Agreement should be sent to the contractor.

4. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – VITALISE

It was felt that funding could not be offered to Vitalise as the scope of their activities does not relate specifically to the town and as such falls outside the powers of the S137 act.

5. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – SHEFFORD LIBRARY

It was agreed that the sum of £200 should be granted to Shefford library towards the children's programme of activities.

6. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – SHEFFORD PICTURE HOUSE

It was agreed that the sum of £300 should be granted to the Shefford Picture House as a new venture and as such would be an additional facility within the town.

7. ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was agreed to pay the annual insurance renewal.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Several pieces of play equipment have been offered to the Town Council free of charge. It was agreed to accept the offer after seeking further advice from both the Environment Agency and the Central Beds Planning Department.

Concerns were raised that a resident had contacted Beds Police about an incident of under-age drinking and breaking glass bottles at Digswell but was refused a Unique Reference Number (URN).

The meeting closed at 9.30pm