

BRIDGWATER TOWN COUNCIL
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS' ROOM, TOWN HALL, BRIDGWATER
HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 2.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllrs. Cresswell, Downes, Granter, Parker, Richards, Mrs Slocombe and Smeed

Decisions and recommendations:

22 MINUTES: Approved

23 MATTERS ARISING:

i. **Taunton Road Toilets** – further set of usage figures awaited for comparison

24 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL 14/01/10:

Electoral Review Working Party – understood Boundary Cttee seeking maximum 36 district councillors

25 BUDGET UPDATE 2009/10 & 2010/11: Noted – precept and special expense

26 FUTURE FUNDING & FUNDING SUPPORT for SDC in 2010/11:

Xmas Lighting - £22k approved (additional to £9k budgetted)
Street Cleansing - £22.5 approved (including £5k budgetted for additional clean)
Dog bin emptying – not approved (£1.2k budgetted for extra bins - litter or dog)
CCTV Cameras (3 in Town Centre) – not approved

Future years and extension of item heads for further discussion

Xmas Lights – take on based on current contract to 2013 subject to examination of any contract release clause / variables & additions, possession of lights foc and storage and recoup of costs still applicable to SDC (Bridgwater House) + survey of fitting

(Declarations of interest Robson Contractors – personal only – Cllrs Cresswell, Granter and Mrs Slocombe)

27 TOWN HALL – Buildings and management and Cultural Partners:

Update and letter from SDC noted. Agreed – to maintain current stance of working with and supporting aims of Cultural Partners in desire to see Town Hall remain available for all, exploring trust route and management body with need for income stream(s) and considering in future precise role for Town Council in relation thereto once renovation works completed and lease to BTC of specific parts completed.

(Declarations of interest Arts Centre - personal and prejudicial – Cllrs Parker and Mrs Slocombe)

28 MUSEUM UPDATE – Museum Sub-Committee meeting 02/03/10:

Agreed – Request for £1k funding for additional work to floor of Old Mill to prepare for storage use

29 CEMETERIES – Planned changes in delivery of service by SDC:

Noted – further information awaited in discussions in relation to obligations in SLAg

30 RBS Software Package -

Agreed – to endorse authorisation by Chairman to acquire Finance package for BTC accounts (£1.9k inc. annual back-up and training)

31 GRANTS 2009/10:

CAB - £2.5k approved
Team Somerset - £0.5k approved
Pictorial Guide to Bridgwater & Taunton Canal - £50 approved
Bridgwater Carnival Committee – Regional Carnival Community Centre – to be brought forward when more information available on this and other projects
Town Trails Guide – additional expenditure up to £1k approved

(Cllrs Mrs Slocombe {personal and prejudicial interest} and Cresswell declared an interest in item 4 Carnival and took no part in the consideration and decision and did not vote thereon)

32 WARD GRANTS 2009/10:

Quantock Ward – Community garden in West Street - £1k approved

33 TOWN COUNCIL STAFFING:

Agreed – to extend contract of Mayor's Secretary and PA to Town Clerk to 32 hours with effect from 19/02/10 (4 hour cover on Fridays) and invite Town Clerk to submit report on extra hours worked to Chairman as previously applied

(Cllr Cresswell declared a personal interest – family connection – and took no part in the decision and vote)

The meeting finished at 3.45pm

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Signed
Chairman