

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2011

Present: Councillor W H Stevenson (Chairman)

Councillor R Ashley
Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor Mrs M Camm
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor Ms H Robinson
Councillor R Tyson

Mr. T Fitton (Town Clerk)
Mrs C A Jennings (Assistant Town Clerk)

1 member of the press
No members of the public

11/53 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D Burgess and Mrs J Burgess.

11/54 Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interests.

11/55 Minutes of the Meeting – 19th July 2011

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 19th July 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11/56 Public Participation Period

There were no matters raised.

11/57 Love Life Loyalty Card – Alsager Chamber of Trade

Further to Min. 11/44 of the Finance and General Purpose Committee dated 19th July 2011, the Committee considered additional information from the Chamber of Trade in support of their request for sponsorship for the implementation of Love Local Life Loyalty Scheme.

The Town Council had initially indicated its support for this scheme, which was designed to support local independent retailers, and encourage local residents to utilise shops and businesses in Alsager in return for rewards and benefits by a loyalty card.

Cheshire East Council was assisting with the development of the scheme so that it can be rolled out to other towns across the borough.

Members indicated that they would only want to fund this scheme if there was enthusiasm from businesses to bring the scheme to Alsager.

John Poulson, Secretary Alsager Chamber of Trade, attended the meeting and outlined the format of the scheme and the reasons why the Chamber of Trade was requesting financial support in the sum of £2000 including details of contributions from Chamber of Trade members.

Resolved: That, a contribution of £2000 be approved and financed from existing balances.

11/58

Grants Panel

Resolved: a) That, the Grants Panel be re-constituted as follows:

Councillors C V Burgess
D I Hough
W Howell
Mrs T E S Jones
Ms H Robinson
W Stevenson (Chairman)

b) That, a meeting of the Grants Panel be scheduled for Thursday 6th October 2011 commencing at 10am at the Council Offices, to consider applications for inclusion in the 2012/13 Budget.

11/59

Local Service Delivery

The Chairman reported that the Cabinet of Cheshire East Council had met on 5th September 2011 and approved the recommendations for the transfer of the Civic Hall, Public Conveniences' Crewe Road, 4 Allotment Sites and the Wednesday Market to Alsager Town Council.

The Negotiating Team met on Friday 9th September 2011 and had requested a meeting with the Cheshire East Council team to progress the transfers.

Councillor Stevenson also reported that once the negotiations were completed a Special Council Meeting would be convened to decide whether or not to approve the transfer of these services.

A further meeting of the Negotiating Team was schedule for 16th September 2011.

Resolved: That, the report be received.

11/60 Accounts for Authorisation

Resolved: That, the report be received, the income noted and the payments authorised. (Appendix A)

11/61 Budget Monitoring Statement to 30th June 2011

Resolved: That, the Budget Monitoring Statement of estimated income and expenditure to 30th June 2011 be received and noted. (Appendix B)

11/62 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: That, in accordance with the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information.

11/63 Annual Civic Dinner and Ball

The Committee considered the private and confidential report of the Town Clerk reviewing the financial and administrative issues regarding the Annual Civic Dinner and Ball.

Resolved: That, the under mentioned members be appointed to undertake a fundamental review of the arrangements and financial costs of the Annual Civic Dinner and Ball based on the points raised in the report now submitted.

Councillors C V Burgess
Mrs M Camm
W Stevenson (Chairman)
R Tyson

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.10pm.

Councillor W H Stevenson
Chairman