

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE  
ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor W H Stevenson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess  
Councillor Mrs J Burgess  
Councillor Mrs M Camm  
Councillor W Howell  
Councillor A Snape

Mr. T Fitton (Town Clerk)

3 members of the general public  
0 members of the press

09/031 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D I Hough and S Roberson

09/032 Minutes of the Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/033 Public Participation Period

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

09/034 Financial Regulations

Resolved: That, the revised Financial Regulations dated September 2009 be approved and adopted.

09/035 Future of South East Cheshire Enterprise (SECE)

The Committee considered formal notification from Cheshire East Council indicating that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, Cheshire East was to withdraw from the current partnership arrangements with SECE.

Cheshire East would deliver economic development and tourism, but the future of Partnership support was uncertain, and a meeting between SECE, the Chairmen of Local Partnerships and representatives of town and Parish Councils was to be held at Westfields on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had agreed funding towards the post of Project Manager to be placed in the Draft Budget 2010/11 depending on the long term decisions of Cheshire East on Partnership Funding.

- Resolved:
- a) That, the correspondence be received pending the outcome of further developments between CEC and the Partnerships in the Borough.
  - b) That, Councillor W Howell be appointed to attend the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

09/036 Alsager Map

The Committee considered a request from the Chamber of Trade for a financial contribution towards the production of an Alsager map detailing businesses, significant buildings and points of interest in the Town.

A copy of the map including a pocket edition was displayed at the meeting.

- Resolved: That, the Town Council be recommended to approve a contribution of £250 to the Alsager Chamber of Trade towards the production of a Town Map. (Large Edition)

09/037 Alsager Institute – Provision of a Projection Screen

The Town Clerk reported that he had received a number of requests from organisations using the Institute for the provision of a Projection Screen when they are receiving presentations at their meetings.

- Resolved: That, the Town Council be recommended to authorise the purchase of a Portable Projection Screen for the Institute.

09/038 Internal Auditors Statement – April to July 2009

- Resolved: That, the Audit Statement for the period April – July 2009 submitted by Councillor C V Burgess (Internal Audit Member) be received and noted.

09/039 Alsager Town Guide

The Town Clerk submitted a proof of the Town Guide 2009-11.

Consideration was given to the content of the new guide which would be available for distribution in October 2009.

Resolved: a) That, the Town Guide be approved for printing and publication.

b) That, the appreciation of the Committee be placed on record to Ms S Colclough (Town Clerk's Secretary) in recognition of her work in connection with the new guide.

09/040 Accounts for Authorisation

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

09/041 Budget Monitoring Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Resolved: That, the Budget Monitoring Statement to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be received and noted.

09/042 Alsager in Bloom – Winter Planting

The Committee were informed of the success of Alsager in this year's North West in Bloom competition.

Consideration was given to a request from Alsager Chamber of Trade on behalf of Alsager in Bloom for funding towards winter planting in the Town.

Resolved: That, the Town Council be recommended to make a contribution of £250 to Alsager in Bloom towards fund raising for this year's winter planting.

09/043 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 item of business on the grounds that it could involve the likely disclosure of private and confidential information.

09/044 I.T. Contract

The Town Clerk submitted details of the terms of reference of a draft contract for the service and maintenance of the Town Council's I.T. including the website by DHTechnologies.

- Resolved:
- a) That, the Terms of Reference of the Draft I.T. Maintenance Contract between the Town Council and DH Technologies be approved for the period 01.10.09 to 31.03.10 and signed by both parties within 2 weeks.
  - b) That, any I.T. problems outside the contract terms be brought to the attention of the Finance and General Purpose Committee.
  - c) That, the I.T. contract for 2010 onwards be reviewed by the Finance and General Purpose Committee.

The meeting commenced at 8pm and concluded at 8.30pm.

Councillor W H Stevenson  
Chairman