

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE  
ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Councillor W H Stevenson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess  
Councillor Mrs M Camm  
Councillor D I Hough  
Councillor W Howell  
Councillor A Snape

Mr. T Fitton (Town Clerk)

0 members of the Public  
1 members of the Press

09/045 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs J Burgess.

09/046 Minutes of the Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

09/047 Public Participation Period

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

09/048

Grants Panel

The Committee considered the report of the meeting of the Grants Panel held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009, together with a schedule of recommended Grants to local voluntary organisations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the Financial Year 2010/11.

It was noted that provision had been made in the Draft Budget 2010/11 for the financial amount of the Grants in the schedule.

Resolved: That, the report be received and consideration be deferred to the Draft Budget 2010/11 later in the meeting.

09/049

Alsager Institute - VAT

Further to Min. 09/024 dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Town Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Charity Commission indicating that it would not be acceptable for the Town Council to bring the Institute within the general administration of the Town Council with all payments being made from the Town Council's accounts.

The Institute had charitable status and it must remain a separate legal entity, and therefore the Town Council could not claim refund of VAT on its behalf.

Resolved: That, the correspondence be received and noted.

09/050

Accounts for Authorisation

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

09/051

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.

09/052

Draft Budgets 2010/11

In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Committee considered the Draft Budgets for 2010/11 in respect of the Alsager Institute and the Town Council.

Prior to the consideration of the Budgets, David McGifford, Economic and Tourism Development Manager SECE, gave a short presentation regarding future funding of Alsager Partnership.

The Committee then gave detailed consideration to both Budgets and in particular the proposed Growth Items.

Resolved: That, the Town Council be recommended to approve a Budget for 2010/11 in the sum of £192,000, no increase on the current year.

NOTE: The Amended Budget book for the Town Council and the Institute Committee will be circulated with the agenda for the Town Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

The meeting commenced at 8pm and concluded at 9pm.

Councillor W H Stevenson  
Chairman