

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010

Present: Councillor W H Stevenson (Chairman)

Councillor C V Burgess
Councillor D I Hough
Councillor W Howell
Councillor A Snape

Mr. T Fitton (Town Clerk)

10/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Camm, Mrs J Burgess and S Roberson.

10/02 Minutes of the Meeting – 17th November 2009.

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 17th November 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10/03 Public Participation Period

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

10/04 Alsager Town Guide

The Committee considered an application from the proprietor of Lawton Dental Practice for financial compensation for a listing error in the Alsager Town Guide 2009-11.

Resolved: That, a contribution of £100 be made in good faith.

10/05 Grant Application – Experience Exchange Programme

Resolved: That, a donation of £50 be approved for Mr Simon Redstone, 20 Heathend Road, Alsager in respect of his fund raising to attend the Experience Exchange Programme run jointly by the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Methodist Church, subject to a written report to the Town Council on his return.

10/06 Internal Auditors Statement – August to December 2009

Resolved: That, the Audit Statement for the period August to December 2009 presented by Councillor C V Burgess (Internal Audit Member) be received and noted.

10/07 Accounts for Authorisation

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

10/08 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.

10/09 I.T. Contract 2010

The Town Clerk reported that quotations of the IT Contract had been requested from

1. Prism Total IT Solutions Congleton
2. Cheshire East Council IT Department
3. C13 SAR (Formerly DH Technologies)

A financial appraisal report circulated by the Town Clerk regarding the only quotation received from Prism Total IT Solutions was considered indicating that the cost of the contract to be £4,792.

Resolved: a) That, the Town Council's I.T. contract from 1st April 2010 be awarded to Prism Total IT Solutions of Congleton.

b) That, the additional financial requirements as indicated in the report be met from balances or savings on the existing 2010/11 budget.

10/10

Town Handyman Service

The Committee considered the relaunch of the Town Handyman Service together with the recommendation from the Personnel Committee that the post should be re-advertised to commence from 5th April 2010. (Min.09/13 Personnel Committee dated 7th January 2010 refers)

Resolved: That, the Town Council be recommended to re-advertise the post to be in place if possible by 5th April 2010.

Note: In accordance with Standing Order 34.2. With the permission of the Chairman the following matter was considered as a matter of urgency.

10/11

Alsager Information Point – 3 Lawton Road Alsager

The Town Clerk reported that as part of their efficiency savings Cheshire East Council were proposing to transfer Alsager Information Point into Alsager Library.

It was reported that the Town Council and the Alsager Cheshire East Councillors had received no prior notification of this intention.

The Town Council currently had a 3 year rental agreement with Cheshire East on the offices in the same building with one year left on the agreement.

It was further reported that the matter had been raised at the Budget Consultation, which Cheshire East Council had arranged on Monday 18th January 2010, and an email had been sent to Councillor Wesley Fitzgerald (Leader) and Councillor David Brown (Portfolio Holder) seeking confirmation of assurances given that no further action on this matter would be taken before consultation with the Town Council.

Resolved: That, the position of the Alsager Information Point be noted, and the Town Clerk prepare a report for consideration at the Town Council meeting on 23rd February 2010 on the consequences and options of the proposed transfer of the Alsager Information Point to Alsager Library, and the effects this move could have on the Town Council's tenancy of 3 Lawton Road Alsager.

The meeting commenced at 8pm and concluded at 8.50pm.

Councillor W H Stevenson
Chairman