

ALSAGER TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE ALSAGER INSTITUTE
ON TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2010

Present: Councillor W H Stevenson (Chairman)

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

Also present: Councillor Ron Tyson (Chairman Institute Committee)

Mr. T Fitton (Town Clerk)

1 member of the press

10/74 Apologies for Absence

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

10/75 Minutes of the Meeting – 21st September 2010 and 12th October 2010

Resolved: That, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 21st September 2010 and 12th October 2010 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

10/76 Public Participation Period

There were no matters raised by members of the public.

10/77 Local Service Delivery

Further to Min. 10/73 dated 12th October 2010 the Chairman reported that the information packs containing details of properties, running costs, staffing levels and book valuations on assets had now been received from Cheshire East Council.

The Town Council's Negotiating Team had met today 23rd November 2010 to give preliminary consideration to this information and as a result had requested further detailed financial, property and operational information regarding the services to be transferred.

It was anticipated that the first meeting with Cheshire East Council would be held towards the end of January 2011.

Resolved: That, the report be received.

10/78 Grants Panel

The Committee considered the report of the meeting of the Grants Panel held on 27th September 2010, together with a schedule of recommended Grants to local voluntary organisations under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the Financial Year 2011/12, as contained in the Budget Book 2011/12.

Resolved: That, the report be received and consideration be deferred to the Draft Budget 2011/12 later in the meeting.

10/79 Accounts for Authorisation

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

10/80 Internal Auditors Statement – Apr – Oct 2010

Resolved: That, the Audit Statement for the period 1st April to 30th October 2010 presented by Councillor C V Burgess (Internal Audit Member) be received and noted.

10/81 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.

10/82 Draft Budgets 2011/12

In accordance with the Terms of Reference the Committee considered the Draft Budgets for 2011/12 in respect of the Alsager Institute and the Town Council.

The Committee then gave detailed consideration to the spending plans in each Budget, and in particular the proposed Growth Items and it was:

Resolved: a) That, the following amendments be made to the Draft Budget 2011/12.

		From	To
Page 11	Alsager Partnership (Increase by £10,000)	£20,000	£30,000
Page 11	Leasing of offices 3 Lawton Road	Nil	£10,000
Page 11	Milton Park – Phase 4	Nil	£10,000
Page 11	Milton Park – Footpath (Work now completed under contact)	£7,225	Nil

b) That, after taking into account the aforementioned amendments the Budget for 2011/12 be £200,928.

c) That, the Town Council be recommended to approve a Precept requirement for 2011/12 of £200,000, being an increase of 3½% for inflation over the current years' budget.

d) That, the Town Council be recommended that any balance remaining from the £10,000 for the Wood Park Playbuilder project after 31st March 2011 be carried forward to 2011/12 to be used for match funding towards grant applications for further developments on this site.

e) That, the Town Council be recommended to treat the Disposable Balances in the sum of £85,412 shown on page 12 of the Budget as funding for the proposed transfer/devolved services from Cheshire East Council to Alsager Town Council.

f) That, in the event of the additional £10,000 for the Alsager Partnership and other funding detailed for the Non-committed Projects remaining unspent then the amounts be allocated towards the funding of transferred and devolved services.

g) That, the Institute Budget for 2011/12 be recommended for approval by the Town Council

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 7th December 2010.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 9.30pm.

Councillor W H Stevenson
Chairman