

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND POLICY

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held on the **31st October, 2011** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.00 pm**

PRESENT	Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor G Loosmore Councillor R. Pitts Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor G. Francis	Chairman Town Mayor
ALSO PRESENT	Mr. Liam Costello Mrs Sue Fry Councillor B. Castle Councillor S. Dobson Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford-Dobson Councillor N. Barrett-Morton	Town Clerk Office Manager Observing Observing Observing Observing

288/11 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N. Fogg.

289/11 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

290/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman stated that he intended to take Agenda Item 9 before the grants are discussed.

291/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July, 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

292/11 ACCOUNTS

The Chairman pointed out that at present the Council are running inside of the budget set for this year.

It was agreed unanimously that the accounts for the year to September 2011 be noted.

293/11 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2012/2013

The Committee gave initial consideration to the Precept and Budget for 2012/2013. The Chairman stated that consideration has to be given to the funding of the Flood Alleviation Scheme and the T.I.C. decisions will have to be made as to the best ways forward. The funding could be via a rise in the precept for next year or a loan. The Chairman asked Councillors to give consideration to the budget and precept for the next year ready for when it is discussed at the next meeting.

294/11 FUNDING REQUEST

The Committee considered a request received for funding from the Herbert Leaf Bequest Fund. It was agreed that this request be passed to the Sports Forum for consideration.

295/11 GRANTS

The Committee awarded the following grants –

Alzheimers Support	£200.00
Splitz Support Services	£200.00
How to Drug Proof your Kids	£100.00
East Wilts MENCAP	£500.00
MADJA	£200.00
Marlborough Cricket Club	£500.00
Vitalise	£300.00
Phoenix Brass Training Band	£200.00
Friends of the Railway Path	£300.00
Relate Mid Wiltshire	£200.00
Cruse Bereavement Care	£200.00
Marlborough Youth FC	£300.00

The Chairman stated that a donation would also be given to the OAP Christmas Lunch Fund should it be needed.

Consideration should also be given to the number of times larger organisations can apply for grants.

296/11 COMMONWEALTH BEACON

The Committee considered a request from MBG for Marlborough to support a programme of lighting beacons across the UK to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed that the budget put in place this year for the Royal Wedding in the sum of £5,000 should be carried forward to next year for the Diamond Jubilee therefore there would be no increase in the present budget.

297/11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: unanimously that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, if it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

298/11 DEBTORS

The Committee received a report from the Town Clerk on debtors which was noted.

299/11 FOR INFORMATION

The Committee received a report from the Town Clerk regarding a past tenant of a Town Council commercial property.

The meeting ended at 8.53 pm