

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** held on **Monday 27th February, 2006** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.28 p.m.**

PRESENT	Councillor A.R. Ross Councillor W.B. Cavill Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor N.J. Fogg Councillor Mrs C. Jackson	Vice Chairman
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Pam Dobson Mrs Sue Fry Mrs Linda Chapman Mr. N. Kerton Plus 2 Members of the Public	Town Clerk Office Manager Civic Secretary Wiltshire Gazette and Herald.

NOTICE OF MEETING – Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

466/05 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B. Castle, Councillor D. Parker, Councillor S.R. Dobson and Councillor G. Francis.

467/05 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest

468/05 **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that due to the sad loss of the Mayor a Civic Service in Remembrance will be held on Tuesday 7th March, 2006 sadly this is unique circumstances however finances will be made available.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor N. Fogg and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk to have control of this expenditure and to use funding from available budgets.

469/05 **CHANTRY LANE TOILETS**

The Committee considered the Transfer Document and commented on the document from the Town Council Solicitor. After discussion it was

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor W. B. Cavill and –

RECOMMENDED: that Marlborough Town Council agree to the amendments suggested by the solicitor, and that these be put to Kennet District Council clarification on the liability of the road to toilets will also be sought.

470/05

ANNUAL RETURN 2004/2005

The Committee received the External Auditor's certificate and considered the comments made.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor W.B. Cavill and RECOMMENDED unanimously that the External Auditor's certificate be accepted and that his comments be noted.

471/05

THE MARLBOROUGH PLAYERS

The Committee considered a request from the Marlborough Players for a donation. The Committee discussed the possibility of allowing the Marlborough Players to use the Town Hall free of charge for their rehearsals which would amount to 2 free afternoon bookings as they had made a block booking for 5 days.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and RECOMMENDED unanimously that the Town Council offer the Marlborough Players the use of the Town Hall free of charge for their rehearsals on two occasions already booked.

472/05

CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTING

The Town Clerk reported to the Committee the responses that had been received from neighbouring Towns and Parishes regarding the funding of their festive lights. The Town Clerk stated that she had received support from some local organisations regarding the lights and felt that a meeting should be called of all interested parties. The Town Council have a budget of £1,000 which could be used to erect a Christmas Tree on the Green and decorate the Town Hall.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs D. Dow and RECOMMENDED unanimously that the Town Clerk to call a meeting of all interested parties and that the Town Council could provide the venue and secretarial support for this meeting.

473/05

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

RECOMMENDED: That the Schedule of Accounts for January, 2006 in the sum of £23,443,52 including reimbursement to the No. 2 Account in the sum of £6,228.30 be Received and signed by the Chairman.

474/05

TOWN COUNCIL BALANCES

The Town Council Balances as at 31st January, 2006 were received.

PART 2

Proposed by Councillor A. Ross, seconded by Councillor W.B. Cavill and RECOMMENDED unanimously that the Public and Press be asked to leave the meeting due to the fact that legal and confidential matters were to be discussed.

475/05

1 & 2 KINGSBURY STREET

The Committee considered the formal offers that had been received to lease the above property.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and RECOMMENDED unanimously that the Town Clerk and Chairman obtain clarification on the offers received from companies A and B to ensure that “best value” is obtained for the Council.

476/05

4 KINGSBURY STREET – MARLBOROUGH

The Committee considered a report from Humberts regarding the uplift of valuation for the above property should access be granted via the alleyway.

Proposed by Councillor N. Fogg, seconded by Councillor Mrs C. Jackson and – RECOMMENDED: by 4 votes for with 1 against that subject to the approval of the Full Town Council the figures received from Humberts be presented to Mr. P. Martin

Meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.