

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday, 12th November, 1990 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough

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Town Council

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans	Chairman
Councillor A. V. Gray	Mayor
Councillor M. P. Cooper	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor L.H.Bulley	
Councillor Mrs.O.L.Delyle-Turner	
Councillor S.R.Dobson	
Councillor J.N.Fogg	
Councillor Mrs.J.M.A.Goodfellow	
Councillor R.S.Notton	
Councillor I.J.Perryman	
Mr.A.W.Skittrall	Town Clerk

Marlborough Festival Committee

Councillor J.N.Fogg	Chairman
Mr. N.G.Clark	Sponsor Committee
Mr.M.Ellis	Publicity Organiser

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The Chairman, Councillor Mrs.J.C.Evans welcomed the representatives of the Marlborough Festival Society.

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APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J.S.T.West.

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MARLBOROUGH FESTIVAL SOCIETY

The Chairman of the Marlborough Festival Society, Councillor J.N.Fogg, outlined the achievements of the Festival since its origin. He said that it was better than any other towns of its size with many prestigious artists performing. Unfortunately, due to the economic climate some sponsors had withdrawn their sponsorship for 1991 and others had let them down during this year's Festival resulting in a loss of £600. The biggest problem now facing the Committee was the central funding for printing, publicity and box office expenses. Councillor Fogg told members that if help is not forthcoming it would be extremely unlikely that the Festival would be able to continue in its present form.

In conclusion, Councillor Fogg asked members of the Town Council to consider setting up a Trust Fund with a large enough sum to produce enough interest or making a one-off grant to the Festival for 1991.



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MARLBOROUGH FESTIVAL SOCIETY

At this point Councillor J.N.Fogg, Mr. N. Clark and Mr. Ellis left the meeting to enable the Finance and General Purposes Committee to consider all the aspects of giving financial assistance to the Festival Society.

A debate ensued on whether the Council should set a precedent and assist the Festival financially with a one-off payment. The consensus of opinion was that the townspeople were given the opportunity to see first class artists once a year in Marlborough at a very reasonable price and it would be a pity not to support the Festival. The Town Mayor, Councillor Gray said that before the Council contemplates giving any financial help the 1990 Balance Sheet must be seen.

RECOMMENDED: (7 votes for with 1 abstention)

That this Council makes a contribution to help with core-funding for the 1991 Festival subject to the Town Council being satisfied with the audited accounts for 1990 and an assurance that the programme is broader based to encourage a wider local participation.

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ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1991/92

Administration

The Committee considered the proposals for 1991/92 and the following amendments were RECOMMENDED -

Item 51	increased to £1,350.00
Item 66	increased to £500.00
Item 67	the word Explanation Plaques be added and this item increased to £1,000.00

Corporate Property

Item 74	the Town Clerk was asked to look into this item.
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The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

  
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