

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Finance and General Purposes (Estimates) Committee** held on **Monday, 25th November, 2002** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.00pm**

PRESENT

Councillor I. J. Perryman

Chairman

Councillor W. B. Cavill

Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans

Councillor Dr. D. Watson

Councillor G. Francis

Councillor B. Castle

Councillor Mrs. E. M. Hannaford

Councillor Mrs. P. Dow – Vice-Chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Committee – representing the Chairman – Councillor Mrs. H. A. Cripps

Graham Gittins

Town Clerk

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor, Councillors Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. H. A. Cripps and Mrs. A. E. Peck.

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DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

None

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ESTIMATES 2003/04

The Chairman thanked Members for their questions prior to the meeting.

Code 4001-101

Councillors Mrs. J. C. Evans and Dr. D. Watson queried the large increase in Admin. Salaries.

The Chairman said this was due to an increase in staff plus approximately 8% Local Government Pay Award for 2002/03 and 2003/04.

Councillor Dr. Watson asked if this could be discussed at the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held on the 2nd December, 2002.

Code 4004

The Chairman said this had now been included with **Code 4001** due to complexities with tax credit rebates.

Code 4022/4028

Petty Cash and Postage have now been separated.



Code 4151-102

It was RECOMMENDED to **change the budget heading to 'Christmas Lights'**.

Code 4151 – 103

Proposed by Councillor G. Francis, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. C. Evans to **increase** the donation to the 2004 Committee from £1,000.00 to £2,000.00 and move to **Section 137 (102)** with a **separate budget heading**.

The Chairman asked for a **new budget heading for 'Newsletters'** which is a requirement for Quality Councils. He asked for a budget of £116.00 for 2003/04.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

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