

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Property Committee** held on the **1st March, 2010** in the **Court Room, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.10pm.**

PRESENT	Councillor G. Loosmore	Chairman
	Councillor N. Fogg	Town Mayor
	Councillor G. Francis	
	Councillor Mrs P. Dow	
	Councillor A. Kirk Wilson	
	Councillor S. Radnedge	

ALSO PRESENT	Mr. L. Costello	Town Clerk
	Mrs S. Fry	Office Manager
	Councillor A. Ross	Observing
	Councillor B. Castle	Observing
	Mr. A. Bumphrey	

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

540/09 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R. Notton.

541/09 DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration(s) of Interest.

542/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that the Council will be proceeding with pigeon control on the Town Hall. Quotes will be obtained and the method to be used will be decided on.

Flat 1, 5 High Street has been let and the new tenant will move in on the 11th March. The carpets are being replaced tomorrow and new tiles have been put up in the kitchen.

We are continuing to monitor Chantry Lane toilets, prices for air fresheners are being investigated and it is hoped that these will be in place before the summer.

The Periodic Electrical Report for the Town Hall has been carried out and we are awaiting quotes for the work that needs to be carried out.

A review of the Fire Risk for the Town Hall will be carried out shortly.

The fence has been replaced between the Recreation Ground Cottages.

The work to replace the roof at the rear of 1 Kingsbury Street has now been completed.

The Mayor ask that the restoration of the metal work at the front of the Town Hall be placed on the next Property agenda.

543/09

HIGH STREET

The Committee received a report from Mr. A. Bumphrey on possible use of the vacant shop at 5 High Street.

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that we persue this in principle and this is now passed on to the Finance and Policy Committee for consideration.

544/09

TOWN HALL – to receive an update on the following items :-

5.1 Stopping up order of Highway in front of Town Hall.

This is at present going through the legal process and is in the hands of our Solicitor. It is hoped that this will be in place by early summer.

5.2 Sound and Lighting System

Although one quotation has been received an independent assessment for the works has been carried out. A spec for these works will be drawn up and then further quotations will be sought. It may be possible to have a full projector screen that can be erected on the stage in the Assembly Room which would be ideal if the Cinema Club goes ahead. The Mayor reported that he would be holding a meeting on 6th April regarding the Cinema Club and that he understands that the Area Board has some surplus money that we should put forward a bid for. Councillor Francis reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the trustees of KVAT who were fully in favour of films in the Town Hall.

5.3 Lift replacement

The lift in the Court room has been installed but as yet is not completed, it is hoped that it will be finished by next week. It was agreed unanimously that the Town Clerk should negotiate with the company who are fitting the lift before the final payment is made as there have been some technical problems regarding the installation.

5.4 Paintings

The Chairman reported that the framed picture of the Town Hall has now been purchased along with the prints of the High Street and asked for suggestions as to where these should be displayed. It was agreed unanimously that this item should be passed to the Finance and Policy Committee. The Mayor requested that an Art Policy be formulated by the Finance and Policy Committee.

The Mayor left the meeting at 9.10 pm

545/09 BUS SHELTERS

The Committee were shown photographs that the Chairman had taken of the Bus Shelters that are in the ownership of the Town Council. It was agreed that a maintenance programme be put in place which is to include the removal of graffiti both inside and out, removal of all rubbish, the clearance of the surrounding area and planting of flowers. It was agreed that Wiltshire Council should be contacted to see if they had any funding available to help with this project.

546/09 STORAGE – TOWN HALL

The Committee considered a request from Marlborough Players to store equipment at the Town Hall.

It was agreed that the Council agree in principal to help with storage where possible but that the Office Manager should contact Mr. Philpott to establish exactly what their needs are.

547/09 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Proposed by Councillor G. Loosmore, seconded by Councillor G. Francis and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

548/09 ELCOT LANE PAVILION – Lease to Boxing Club

After discussion it was –

Proposed by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. Dow and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Council proceed with the lease for the Boxing Club at the Elcot Lane Pavilion

549/09

1-2 KINGSBURY STREET.

The Committee considered 3 quotations received for the repair and repainting of the windows at 1-2 Kingsbury Street.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. Dow, seconded by Councillor A. Kirk Wilson and –

RESOLVED: unanimously that quotation C in the sum of £7,248.00 be accepted. Councillor Francis requested that reassurance be sought from the contractor that this price includes all necessary repairs to the windows in addition to the painting.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

