

## HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL

### FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present :** The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors, Tawn, Michael, Powell, Kenyon, and Oliver

**Non-Member attending :** Councillor Boulter

**Officers Attending :** Steve Kerry Town Clerk, Lesley Burton, Finance Officer

#### **F2012/13.87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hempton-Smith and Chappell

#### **F2012/13.88 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

None

#### **F2012/13.89 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

#### **F2012/13.90 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

Councillor Kenyon asked that his name be added to those sending apologies for absence. It was then proposed Councillor Tawn, seconded Councillor Powell and

**Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be agreed as an accurate record and signed accordingly by the Chairman.**

#### **F2012/13.91 LARGE GRANT APPLICATION - HEREFORD LADS CLUB**

The Chairman invited Mr Dan Moon, the Vice-Chairman of the Lads Club to present the application. The application seeks support for the completion of works to new changing rooms. Mr Moon passed around details of plans and specifications of the whole project, which comes to £50,000 – of which he is seeking £9,000 for the City Council. Much of the rest of the funding has been secured, other bids are in and he is hopeful of being able to complete as the existing changing facilities are both dilapidated and far too small for the twenty two teams of boys and girls using the Club's facilities. Refurbishment or extension have been looked into but are not viable. Much of the internal fitting and decoration is being done by volunteers, the grant application is for electrical work which requires a specialist contractor.

In answer to questions it was confirmed that the new rooms will be on the rough ground between the two playing areas and there will be some meeting and catering facilities on site. The main building is damaged beyond repair with a leaky roof. Around £1,500 is expected from the sponsored walk and steel work for the new structure should be completed by mid May. The more funds available the better the

facilities will be, for instance a proper flooring that can be kept clean and maintained would be better than concrete, but more expensive. Various options for further funding applications were discussed.

It was noted that although only one quote is shown for the steel work, that is the actual cost. Other quotes were sought and are held on the Club's files and available for inspection if anyone wants to see them. Around twelve people are on the football committee and there is a general committee of twelve overseeing the whole building project. Finally the Club is over seen by trustees. The lack of facilities at present is inhibiting the growth of the Club and may force children to go outside the City to find opportunities to pay football. It is hoped to develop cricket on the site during the summer.

The Chairman thanked Mr Moon for his presentation and he left the meeting.

**F2012/13.92 LARGE GRANT APPLICATION – HEREFORD CITY MISSION STREET PASTORS**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Mission had been invited to the meeting but that no-one had confirmed attendance and there was no representative.

Councillor Wilcox proposed, Councillor Michael seconded and it was

**Resolved to refer this application to a future meeting when a representative could attend.**

**F2012/13.93 LADS CLUB APPLICATION – RESOLUTION**

It was noted that the Club had investigated the option of refurbishment as an alternative to a new building, and had energetically pursued every possible avenue to find funds. The application had been much more organised and impressive than their previous visit to the Committee and the governance of the Club appeared now to be sound. The programme of works is well thought through and achievable because it is being approached in stages as funds allow.

It was proposed by Councillor Kenyon, seconded by Councillor Oliver and

**Resolved that the Committee recommends to full Council the award of the grant as applied for, in the sum of £9,000**

**F2012/13.94 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The Finance Officer presented a schedule of items paid since the last meeting of the Committee. Councillor Kenyon queried the continuing hiring of a sound system for the Council Chamber. While members felt this should continue as it was a valuable aid the Town Clerk will seek to bring the matter to a conclusion in discussion with Herefordshire Council regarding a permanent solution.

It was noted that all issues appear to have been sorted out on the server and system upgrade.

There being no further questions the schedule was noted.

**F2012/13.95 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Next meeting – draft accounts for the year 2012-2013

Further meetings –large grant application regarding street pastors

large grant application from North Tupsley Action Group

possible consideration of more policy issues

NB The grant applications will be taken to Community Development Committee in the light of the recent Council agreement to amend committee remits.

**F2012/13.96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

11<sup>th</sup> June 2013