

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES  
COMMITTEE  
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE  
BROMWICH ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup>  
DECEMBER 2015  
AT 7.30PM**

**Those present:**

- Chairman:** Cllr J Riordan  
**Councillors:** Cllr Mrs. P Allen      Cllr M Hayes      Cllr B Upton  
                          Cllr Mrs. A Haywood      Cllr G High      Cllr J MacDonald  
    Cllr A Terry  
**Officers:** Mrs. D Weir, Assistant Clerk to the Council  
**Public:** None

**1. Apologies.**

The apologies from Cllr E Hicks, Cllr I Hiley, and Cllr J Horne-MacDonald were noted for the reasons given.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.**

None declared.

**3. Dispensations.**

None requested.

**4. Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

**ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED BY** Cllr J MacDonald, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 having been circulated, be signed as a true and correct record of the meeting subject to amendment to include apologies given by Cllr Mrs. Allen due to attendance at another meeting.

**5. Questions from the Public.**

Under Standing Order 3(d), the Chairman prepared to adjourn standing orders to invite questions from members of the public but there were none attending.

**6. Planning/Licensing Applications.**

6.1 **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Upton, **SECONDED BY** Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the following recommendations be submitted to the Borough Council:

Application No	Applicant	Location
PL/2015/52670/MINFHO	Mr L Edwards	77 Water Orton Road B36 9EY
Recommendation to the Borough Council		
Could be approved subject to any neighbours comments.		

**7. Budget Preparation.**

Members considered the year end forecasts and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hayes, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the budget allocations as circulated for the 2016/17 financial year (version 2), the budgets for salary/pension forecasts, communication analysis, subscriptions, professional fees and events be deferred for approval to the January Finance Committee Meeting, together with consideration of website hosting which would need to be reviewed.

**8. Actions required by committee/council following Staff Panel meeting.**

Members noted the position with regard to review of the financial regulations which are set by full council.

**9. Insurance Valuation – garages**

**ACTION**

Asst Clerk  
12/11

RFO  
asap

Members noted the current position and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by Cllr Upton, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the June 2016 Committee Meeting.

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06/16

#### 10. Parish Plan.

The Chairman asked members to review the chapter on Children and Young People. Cllr Mrs. Haywood referred to a recent meeting she had attended, when it had been indicated that all the children's services in the Borough were being reviewed, including the Children's Centre in Hurst Lane and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council notes with disappointment that the Borough Council have been unable to support the Children's Centre in Hurst Lane. The Chairman explained that the Parish Plan was concerned at the amount of litter which blighted people's first impression when entering Castle Bromwich via Newport Road, and asked members to consider the Chapter on The Environment, in particular the issue of litter and tree branches obstructing the highway on Newport Road, which although not in the parish, immediately adjoined the parish and was the responsibility of the City of Birmingham. Cllr Mrs. Allen referred to a complaint she had made to the City of Birmingham regarding 17 bags of rubbish on Newport Road. These had been removed the next day. The Chairman explained that the Parish Plan was concerned at the amount of litter which blighted people's first impression when entering Castle Bromwich via Newport Road and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr High, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the problems with litter and trees overhanging the highway on Newport Road be raised with the appropriate department within the City of Birmingham. The Chairman referred members back to the chapter on Children and Young People, in particular the activity programme Box Clever, the feasibility of a Free Running Programme, and consideration of an annual recruitment campaign for youth councilors with the Scouts and other clubs in the area, and **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr High, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the following items be included on the agenda of the Youth Council Meeting to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for the Youth Council to consider and report back to the Finance & General Purposes Committee with any recommendations: the activity programme Box Clever, the feasibility of a Free Running Programme and consideration of an annual recruitment campaign for youth councillors with local schools and clubs in the area.

Asst Clerk  
21/12

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Council  
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#### 11. Working Parties.

Cllr Mrs. Haywood on behalf of the Events Working Party, gave her report on the Carol Concert and advised that the Events Working Party would be meeting in January to review the arrangements and to consider what improvements could be made for next year's concert. Cllr Mrs. Haywood responded to various issues raised by members, including the start time of the Concert. She advised members that any donations of raffle prizes for the Concert would be gratefully received. Cllr Mrs. Allen referred to a request for hire of the hall by a local entrepreneur and advised that the previous hire fee would need to be reviewed. Members noted the Report from the Clerk on the Remembrance Parade. Cllr MacDonald commented that the Council need to review the budget for the 2016 Parade. The Chairman advised that the budget had been increased to £2,000. Cllr Upton asked whether a local developer had made a donation this year and asked if local companies could be approached for sponsorship. Members commented on the lengthy gap between veterans and the young band on the Remembrance Parade march back. No further observations were made.

FGP  
9/12

#### 12. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the list of concerns previously circulated. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of Cllr Hayes, **SECONDED** by the Chairman, **IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

that the content of Residents' Concerns be reviewed by Full Council.

**13. Training.**

Cllrs MacDonald and Terry passed their suggestion forms for their training needs to the Assistant Clerk. The Chairman referred members to the email from WALC on forthcoming training seminars.

**14. Clerk's Report.**

No report had been circulated. Cllr Mrs. Allen referred to the Noticeboard which required updating and also to request for a parish council nameplate headerboard. The Assistant Clerk advised that it was her understanding that Cllr Knibb had a key to the noticeboard and had offered to keep it up to date.

ACTION

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asap

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

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