

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Tuesday 15 June 2010 at 8.00pm.

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PRESENT: Councillor P.A. York (Chairman).

Councillors: S.R. Baker, P.J. Curtis (Mayor), Mrs. K. Davies, Mrs. R. Dolphin, J. Griffiths, J.M. Johnson, M. Mills, E.B. Palmer H.G. Roberts, K. Roberts, B. Scragg, R. Spain and Mrs. S.E. Wallbanks.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs. M. Jabbitt, B.P. Lambert and L. Thorley.

IN ATTENDANCE: D.C. Pierce (Clerk).

F1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST : MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The following declarationS of personal interest were made and the relevant forms completed for despatch to Flintshire County Council's Monitoring Officer.

	<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
(i)	Mrs. K. Davies	4-B - Applications for Financial Assistance
(ii)	Mrs. R. Dolphin	“
(iii)	J.M. Johnson	“
(iv)	M. Mills	“
(v)	K. Roberts	“

*Existence/Nature of Personal Interest:*

- (i) Chair – Perth-y-Terfyn Infants School
- (ii) Member of Carmel Bowling Club
- (iii) School Governor - Perth-y-Terfyn Infants School
- (iv) Member of Friends of Greenfield Dock

- (v) Chair of Village of Greenfield Residents' Association

(Note: Councillors Mrs. K. Davies and Mrs. R. Dolphin also declared a prejudicial interest in the respective applications and withdrew from the meeting for the discussion and voting).

F2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item (minute F3) under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended.

F3. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – 2010/11

Members considered a list of requests received for financial assistance from various organisations together with a schedule of the organisations and events supported in 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10. The Clerk read out supporting background and financial information provided by each organisation.

No donations had been made to date in the current financial year. A statement was also provided with details of budget provision, balances and the Council's policy on donations.

In response to an enquiry, the Clerk confirmed that any change to the arrangements for earmarked provisions in the budget should be considered at the precept setting meeting in February.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the following donations be made:-

	£
2480 (Holywell Squadron) ATC	100
Carmel Bowling Club	200
Friends of Greenfield Dock	200
Holywell Autumn Club	200
Holywell Debonairs Morris Dancers	200
Menter Iaith Sir y Fflint	50
The Holywell & District Society	250
Ysgol Perth-y-Terfyn Project	<u>300</u>
	<u>1,500</u>

- (2) That a donation be confirmed in respect of the following request from the earmarked provision in the 2010/11 budget:

	£
Clwyd Community Chest (Membership 2010/11)	300

- (3) That the Council be represented at the Annual General Meeting of the Clwyd Community Chest on 1 July 2010 by Councillor J. Griffiths.
- (4) That Councillor J. Griffiths be nominated for election to one of the two Member vacancies to represent Local Authorities in membership, for the next three years.
- (5) That consideration of the following applications be deferred pending receipt of the relevant outstanding supporting documents, the Clerk to provide assistance if required in completing the forms:
- Greenfield Ghetto Drama Group  
Greenfield Senior Citizens Club  
Village of Greenfield Residents' Association.
- (6) That, having regard to the Council's policy, the requests from the following organisations be received, without a grant being made on this occasion:
- Denbighshire and Flintshire Agricultural Society  
Home-Start Flintshire  
Victim Support Eastern Branch.
- (7) That the Holywell Debonairs Morris Dancers be reminded to contact the Town Centre Manager regarding their availability to perform in the town centre.

F4. BANK RECONCILIATION 2009/10

Members considered the Reconciliation Statement for the year 2009/10, circulated with the agenda, together with the Statement covering the

2008/09 financial year. The Chairman had checked the figures against the Cash Book and the Bank Statements and was satisfied that these were correct.

RESOLVED:

That the Statements be received and noted.

F5. THE COUNCIL'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY – UPDATE

The Clerk reported along similar lines to that presented to the Audit Sub-Committee (minute A5).

RESOLVED:

That the information be received and noted.

F6. INTERNAL AUDIT 2009/10

RESOLVED:

That JDH Business Services of Mold be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2009/10.

F7. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2009/10

Members were advised that the Wales Audit Office had appointed UHY Hacker Young of Chester to carry out the External Audit for 2009/10. The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had agreed to the Council's Annual Return being submitted by 31 August 2010. The Clerk would undertake publication of the appropriate Notice(s) relating to the Audit.

Members noted that, as in previous years, any personal conflicts of interest involving the firm should be recorded accordingly under the Declaration of Interests item on the agenda.

F8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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Chairman