

Minutes of the Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.**

**Present:** Councillor Anderson (in the Chair) and Councillors Laurie, Lee, and Wilson.

**Also Present:** Linda Goldie (Town Clerk)

**FIN 76/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Lethbridge and Lesley Zair.

**FIN 77/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Anderson declared a personal and financial interest in the Minute No. 87/10 Friends of Bishop Auckland as he was Treasurer of the Group.

**FIN 78/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.** The Town Clerk reported as follows:-

**FIN 79/10 DEPOSIT ACCOUNT –  
BALANCE AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

The balance of the Deposit Account as at 18<sup>th</sup> January was £23,693.19.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the information be noted.

**FIN 80/10 CURRENT ACCOUNT –  
BALANCE AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

The balance of the Current Account as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was £4,978.74.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the information be noted.

**FIN 81/10 ALLOTMENTS ACCOUNT –  
BALANCE AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

The balance of the Allotments Account as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was £3,160.28.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the information be noted.

**FIN 82/10 MAYOR'S CHARITY ACCOUNT –  
BALANCE AS AT 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2011**

The balance of the Mayor's Charity Account as at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was £4,598.19.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the information be noted.

**FIN 83/10 AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES – DELEGATED POWERS**

In accordance with Minute TC 54/09, the Mayor and Chair of Finance had authorised payment of cheque nos. 507 – 523 from the Current Account and cheque nos. 031 – 036 from the Allotments Account.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the action taken be noted.

**Signed:** ..... **1 - 3**  
**Chair**

## **FIN 84/10 CHEQUES PRESENTED FOR AUTHORISATION**

Cheque nos. 524 – 526 were presented for payment.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the above-mentioned cheques be authorised for payment.

## **FIN 85/10 DONATIONS**

### **(a) Action for Children (L.G.A. 1972 – Section 137)**

An application for a donation and support had been received from Action for Children which was originally called the National Children Home or NCH. They were asking the Town Council to help to continue to provide these services to the children in County Durham. This could include helping to raise awareness of the charity in the community and advising where they may be able to have counter collection boxes in the area, helping with a financial donation or taking on some home collection boxes to distribute to residents in the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** That an amount of £50.00 be donated to Action for Children.

### **(b) Great North Air Ambulance (L.G.A. 1972 – Section 137)**

An application for a donation had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance. The Charity was responsible for the operation of air ambulance cover across the region from the borders of Scotland down to North Yorkshire and from coast to coast.

A donation of £200.00 was given to the G.N.A.A. in April 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That an amount of £50.00 be donated to the Great North Air Ambulance to be taken out of the next Financial Year's budget.

### **(c) Butterwick House Children's Hospice (L.G.A. 1972 – Section 137)**

An application for a donation had been received from the Butterwick House Children's Hospice. The Hospice is the only Children's Hospice between Newcastle and Wetherby caring for children from birth to nineteen years and their families, providing respite and end of life care, along with much-needed family support and bereavement services.

A donation of £200 was given to the Children's Hospice in April 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That an amount of £50.00 be donated to the Butterwick House Children's Hospice, to be taken out of the next Financial Year's budget.

## **FIN 86/10 COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATION –**

### **(a) King James 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket Club (L.G.A. 1972 – Section 19)**

An application had been received from King James 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket Club requesting an amount of £200 towards grass cutting equipment and wicket maintenance etc.

The Cricket Club had previously received a Community Fund donation of £260 in November 2009.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chair**

**RESOLVED:** That an amount of £200.00 be given to King James 1<sup>st</sup> Cricket Club, subject to receipt of satisfactory paid invoices.

**FIN 87/10 FRIENDS OF BISHOP AUCKLAND  
(L.G.A. 1972 – Section 137)**

In accordance with Minute No. FIN 47/10, it had been resolved to allocate £500 towards the initial administration costs of setting up the Friends of Bishop Auckland Group.

In order to prove to other would-be funders, that the group was trying to obtain funding, the Treasurer of the Friends Group had requested that the £500 be drawn down as a lump sum and paid direct to the Group's current account.

**RESOLVED:** That the amount of £500.00 previously agreed for initial setting up costs be paid as a lump sum to the Friends of Bishop Auckland as opposed to the Town Council paying their invoices on an as and when basis.

**FIN 88/10 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TOWN COUNCIL BANNER(S)**

The Town Council already had one banner for use at external events and consideration was given as to whether another should be purchased.

The cost of another 10ft x 2ft banner (external use) would be £64.00 + V.A.T. and the cost of a pull-out banner (internal use) would be £125.00 + V.A.T.

**RESOLVED:** That one banner for external use be purchased at a price of £64.00 + V.A.T. and a pull-out banner for internal use be purchased at a price of £125.00 + V.A.T.

**FIN 89/10 SPEND AGAINST BUDGET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2010**

A copy of the Spend Against Budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 had been circulated at the meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Spend Against Budget for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 be approved.

**FIN 90/10 MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

There were no matters put forward for future discussion.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chair**