

Minutes of the Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY, 16th APRIL 2013 AT 4.00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Councillor J Lethbridge and David Anderson (Town Clerk).

FIN 114/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kay

FIN 115/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

FIN 116/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FIN 117/12 ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 16th APRIL 2013

The Town Clerk reported account balances as follows:-

Deposit Account	£132,832.73
Current Account	£23,515.40
Allotments Account	£9223.26
Mayors Charity Account	£568.79

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted.

FIN 118/12 SPEND AGAINST BUDGET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2013

The spend against budget as at the end of quarter 4 (31st March 2013) was considered and noted.

RECOMMENDED: That the position as at 31st March 2013 be noted.

FIN 119/12 AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES – DELEGATED POWERS

In accordance with Delegated Powers, the Mayor and Chair of Finance had authorised payment of cheque nos. 878 - 888 (excluding 887 – see Minute No FIN 120/12) from the Current Account and cheque nos. 121 to 127 from the Allotments Account, as detailed in the report.

RECOMMENDED: That the action taken be confirmed.

FIN 120/12 CHEQUES PRESENTED FOR AUTHORISATION

Cheque no. 887 was presented for authorisation.

RECOMMENDED: That the above cheque be authorised for payment.

Signed:
Chair

FIN 121/12 APPLICATIONS FOR DONATIONS

It was noted that consideration of applications for donations had been suspended pending a review of the policy.

Members noted that policies of other local councils and details of the donations made were being sought so that a comparative study could be made. It was hoped that a revised policy could be presented to Finance Committee in May for consideration.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted.