



**Minutes of the Finance and Strategy Committee held on Tuesday 25th October 2005
at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Gerrard – Chairman

Cllrs. Ms. Deacon, Mrs. Keeley, Hendey, Langston, Sandle, Smith and Spiers and the RFO

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Hiscocks

Cllr. Ms. Varga was absent

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19TH JANUARY 2005

Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Keeley as being accurate and signed by the Chairman

3. 6 MONTH BUDGET MONITORING/REVIEW

Copies of the Half year budget review and Budget Report had been prepared by the RFO and circulated to all members prior to the meeting for their perusal.

At the request of the Chairman, the RFO made a short review, stating that although some individual items were either under or overspent, in broad terms to date the expenditure was within the budget.

On being requested to clarify the item referred to as “Agency Services Income” the RFO clarified that this item referred to the fee for the Maintenance of St. Laurence Churchyard received from SDC

The RFO was also requested to detail the Grants and Donations received as follows:

- £9,198.00 – Bowling Club (SDC)
- £8,171.00 – Crawford Memorial Hall (SDC)
- £3,200.00 – Youth shelter (WCC)

4. DATE FOR MEETING TO INITIATE PREPARATION OF THE 2006/07 BUDGET

The date was confirmed for 23rd November and the clerk requested to ensure all invoices for the month of October were received by that date.

Members were reminded to come to the meeting with their “wish list”

5. BROOM VILLAGE HALL

In view of the contents of the letter received from SDC in reply to the Council’s request for financial assistance for the rebuilding of Broom Village Hall, Cllr. Keeley proposed that the balance of £50,000 – from the original £250,000 grant given to the Crawford Memorial Hall and Social Club for improvements – be transferred, in its entirety, to the Broom Village Hall project. It was unanimously resolved to accept this proposal and the Clerk instructed to write to SDC, stressing that the £50,000 in its entirety, should be transferred.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm