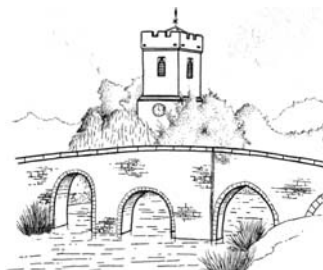


BIDFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL

In the County of Warwickshire



Minutes the Finance and Strategy Committee held on Monday 14th November 2011 @ 7.45 (after the Planning committee Meeting) in the Parish Meeting Room, Bramley Way, Bidford-on-Avon.

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr. Atkins
Cllrs. Fleming, Hill, Hiscocks, Mrs. Keeley, Langston, Sandle, Spiers and Williams

Also present: District Councilor Howse and 3 members of the public

In attendance: Elisabeth Uggerløse, Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Received and accepted for Cllr. Gerrard

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

All members of the Council are reminded that in order to comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 20th August 2007 if any matter arises during the meeting in which they have Declared an Interest which could be prejudicial, they should withdraw from the room and not seek to improperly influence a decision about that matter

None declared

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY MEETING OF 29TH SEPTEMBER 2011

Proposed by Cllr. Sandle as being accurate and signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

There were two parties from Broom, making a presentation of proposals for the participatory budget

- **Broom Action Group** proposes an extensive replanting of the open space in Millers Band following completion of the Flood Alleviation Scheme
- **Broom Village Hall** have just been given custody of historical papers relating to Broom and Bidford on Avon, compiled over the years by resident Mrs. Irene Williams, and its proposal is to catalogue and safeguard this for future generations.

As the next parish council meeting will be held in Broom Village Hall, it was proposed, and **RESOLVED** that both parties be given the opportunity to make presentation of their proposals to the local community to facilitate the final decision.

5. TO CONSIDER THE SECOND QUARTER (JULY - SEPT 2011) FIGURES AS PREPARED BY THE RFO (circulated)

The Chairman requested that in future the RFO include the Budget figures on the Profit/Loss sheet for comparison.

No other issues were raised and it was **RESOLVED** to note the figures

6. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU FOR FUNDS TO OPERATE A CAB OUTREACH PROGRAM FROM BIDFORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY (circulated)

From the information received, CAB have almost sufficient funds to come to Bidford on a fortnightly basis from January to December 2012, with a deficit of only £204. This would increase to £3,909 if they should attend on a weekly basis. It was proposed and **RESOLVED** that it should start on a fortnightly basis.

It was proposed that £300 should be awarded.

There was then a short discussion regarding the difference between CAB's financial year, which appeared to be the same as the calendar year, and the Parish Council's. From the information supplied, it would appear that £204 would enable CAB Outreach to visit Bidford until end of 2012; thereafter the requirement was for £3,704 p.a.

It was proposed that £204 be granted for this financial year. **RESOLVED** to grant £204.

The Chairman proposed that the decision for the grant of £3,707 for the financial year 2012/13 be considered at the next meeting on 5th December. It was **RESOLVED** to consider the grant for 2012/12 at the next meeting.

7. TO CONSIDER RFO'S SUGGESTION FOR ANUP TO DATE ASSET REGISTER (circulated)

There was some discussion as to the assess of the council. The Clerk replied that there as land as well as street lights and other street furniture.

Council discussed the various possibilities and it was finally proposed to set up a Database to include photos and location and to start with one item, streetlights, as a test.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal.

8. TO CONSIDER REPLIES FROM BARTON, BROOM AND MARLCLIFF IN RESPECT OF THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGET

A councillor raised the issue as to why Bidford should not have a participatory budget. It was accepted that most of the improvements are in Bidford, but it is also the largest part of the parish and the improvements benefit the whole of the community, such as the play equipment on the Big Meadow etc.

It was, therefore, proposed, that the participatory budget be extended to include Bidford-on-Avon.

RESOLVED to approve this proposal.

- **Barton** had sent in a number of proposals:
 - Defibrillator for the village
 - Training from a CPR
 - Notice board
 - Bench by the river
 - Flagpole for the green

Members did not agree with either the defibrillator or training as it is already supporting the First Responder scheme in the parish which offers both of these.

- **Broom** – presentation already made
- **Marlcliff** – nothing received to date, although a Diamond Jubilee bench, to replace the damaged Silver Jubilee bench had been discussed in the past.

9. TO CONSIDER BUDGET/PRECEPT FOR 2012/13

Preliminary figures had been circulated. It was proposed that these figures, together with a list of the wish list, be circulated for the next parish council meeting. The addition of the wish list would make it easier for councillors to consider the budget figures.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal.

The meeting closed at approx. 9.00 pm