

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held on Monday 29th April 2019 in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Davison (in the chair).
Councillors Bourke-Waite, Brown, Harrison, Hughes, Leggett, F Smith, Stanier, Squire-Smith and Swallow.

In attendance: Town Clerk

412/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

413/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

No declarations were received.

414/19 APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

It was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on:

- 25th March 2019 (minutes 392/19 to 401/19, copy enclosed).

The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

415/19 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to receive the notes of the Royston Markets Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th March 2019 into the workings of the Council.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Museum Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 20th March 2019 into the workings of the Council.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Town Council Properties Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th March 2019 into the workings of the Council, with the following amendment: 'In attendance: Councillor Brown'.

In response to a query about the electrical supply at the war memorial, The Town Clerk informed members that a scan had been carried out and no break in the electrics had been found. Various options are being investigated at the moment including digging a channel from the war memorial to a light that illuminates the church clock face, but permissions would be required from the land owner and costs would be circa £1,000, and investigating taking a feed from the beacons at the crossing, where Herts County Council would need to give their permission.

Members suggested looking at Solar panels, but as the War Memorial is a listed monument, this may not be possible. Members discussed the possibility of the electrical work being carried out in conjunction with the ongoing work at the Church.

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to receive the minutes of the Cave Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 26th March 2019 into the workings of the Council.

416/19 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

- a) Members received and **APPROVED** the Bank Reconciliation for March 2019.
- b) Members noted that the Year End Income and Expenditure report for 2018-2019 will be received at the May Finance Committee meeting.

417/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **APPROVED** the April 2019 accounts for payment and the supplementary accounts for payment for the total of £38,827.79, and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

In response to a query, the Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Crier's honorarium is paid annually.

418/19 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY WORKING PARTY:

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the terms of reference for the Environmental Policy Working Party.

Councillor Hughes expressed an interest in joining the working party. This would be formally agreed at the Finance Meeting on 13th May.

419/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

Councillor Swallow gave a brief report on the Royston and District Local History Society meeting held last week. The AGM will be held on Thursday 9th May. The Chairman, Secretary and one other committee member will be stepping down. If anyone is interested in joining or knows anyone else who might be, please let them know. The society talks will be taking place from October until May and there is an annual outing in June/July. The AGM starts at 7.30pm and is followed by a talk.

Councillor F Smith mentioned that it is the 25th anniversary of Royston and District Community Transport. The Chair invited Councillor Smith to give a report at a future meeting about the organisation.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 13th May 2019.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.48pm

Signed: _____

Date _____

