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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY OCTOBER 2 2006 AT 6.45 pm

Present :	Chairman	I Potts
	Councillors	AK Morgan
		J Pape
		PR Elliott (<i>from 6.50pm</i>)
		S Rooke
		Mrs C Patterson
		Mrs M Clowes
		CK Duncan
Apologies :	Vice Chairman	A Connell
	Councillors	Mrs E Langan
		F Harland
		KJ Budding (R.F.O.)

F1/10/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the Chairman.

F2/10/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

F3/10/06 FINANCIAL REPORT

Members considered a report by the Responsible Financial Officer, Councillor Budding, presented in his absence by the Committee Chairman, Cllr Potts.

Cllr Elliott joined the meeting at 6.50pm

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the RFO's request to include £2,000 in the first round of budget discussions for consideration at the next meeting, as his estimate of the cost to value all ATC properties, be approved – providing three quotes were obtained for the work in the normal way should it go ahead.

Legislation regarding lift safety was discussed. Cllr Elliott advised members he would be obtaining all necessary information regarding compliance.

Cllr Rooke advised members of the need to have drawings made up, to enable ATC to apply for listed building consent for additional handrails for the Moot Hall main entrance, for which he intended to ask the Alliance to look for funding.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the contractor commissioned by ATC to fit a new toilet door in one of their properties be requested to carry out this work as soon as possible, since it was almost a year since their original order for the work to be completed.

ACTION

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RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Public Hall Manager be asked to approach EDC for a town centre grant to update and repair the market arcade overhead shops sign.

KF

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the RFO's request for permission to contact the Council's insurers and also the Highways Authority about repairs to damage to the outside corner of the Cloisters be granted.

KB

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the RFO's request for permission to continue to research the three options shown in his report under BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS be granted, for consideration as part of the budget process.

KB

F4/10/06 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Cllr Potts presented the minutes of a TIC working party meeting on September 18th, which were discussed in detail. He reiterated that Councillors should approach TIC staff via their Manager, rather than discussing items directly with staff whilst they were trying to work. Cllr Potts thanked the TIC staff for all their hard work.

It was agreed that Cllr Potts would bring to Council on October 11th for approval, the suggested wording for a note to put under windscreens when people parked in disabled parking bays. One to also then be designed for cars illegally parked in coach bays.

IP

F5/10/06 THIRD SIGNATORY FOR THE ATC BARCLAYS SECURITY BOX

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that signatories be Councillors Pape and Morgan, plus the incumbent Mayor.

Clerk

F6/10/06 LEASE OF 66 BOROUGHGATE

It was agreed that consideration of tenders for this lease should be added to the agenda for Council on October 11th.

Clerk

F7/10/06 2nd PHONE LINE FOR USE BY T.I.C. CREDIT CARD MACHINE

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that an additional phone line be installed and that a Talk-Talk package be installed to obtain this. Cllr Pape agreed to handle this.

JP

F8/10/06 CORRESPONDENCE *(for information/recommendation to Council)*

Members considered a letter from the **Appleby in Westmorland Society** about **Saving the Bull Ring**. Cllr Mrs Patterson felt there was no point in spending money on repairs until parking was prohibited on that area, as it would get damaged again. Cllr Elliott reminded members that the ring was in the Moot Hall safe, since the Mayor had rescued it when the pin had been broken by a resident parking on top of it. The pin needed drilling out and a new bracket fitting to hold it down. The problem had occurred because it had been left proud of the road surface, rather than flush with it.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that the Mayor reply to the AiWS to say that ATC would appreciate their help, once the parking problem had been resolved and the ring could be repaired and fitted without fear of a recurrence.

SR

A second letter from the Society, offering to conduct **an HGV count in the town** was also considered. Members were concerned about the increase in numbers of very large lorries through the town.

RESOLVED to recommend to Council that Cllr Potts reply to the AiWS to say that ATC would be happy for them to conduct such a count and that Councillors Potts, Duncan and Mrs Clowes would be able to help.

IP

F9/10/06 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on Monday October 30 at 7.00pm in the Moot Hall, **or upon the rising of the Planning Committee**. The agenda would focus on budget preparations for 2007-08 and any other non-urgent items would be deferred until the December F&GP Meeting.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.