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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd 2007 AT 7.50 pm

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| Committee Members Present : [in alphabetical order] | Chairman | I Potts |
| | Councillors | KJ Budding |
| | | PR Elliott |
| | | Mrs E Langan |
| | | J Pape |
| | | S Rooke |
| | | LH Thwaytes |
| Apologies from Committee Members : | Vice Chairman Councillors | HR Potts |
| | | Mrs C Patterson |
| Copies to all remaining Members of Council for information, some of whom were in attendance at this Committee Meeting in an advisory capacity. | | |

F1/09/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the Chairman. Cllr I Potts also welcomed Mrs Ruth Longrigg, Council's new Assistant to the RFO, to her first Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) Committee meeting.

F2/09/07 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on Monday July 30th 2007, were a true and accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Recommendations contained in these minutes would be considered for adoption by Council on September 12th 2007.

F3/09/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

F4/09/07 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

The Chairman's report was received and noted.

RECOMMEND to Council that a letter of support be sent to EDC for the closure of roads during the French Market planned for Friday October 26, being the lane to the rear of the Moot Hall, the Market Square and the area in front of Appleby Library, in order to accommodate stalls safely.

F5/09/07 RFO'S REPORT

The RFO's Report was received and noted.

- **RECOMMEND** to Council that :
- the Fair Hill fencing repairs invoice from the Council's tenant be passed to the Gypsies for payment.
- Cllr Budding join Cllr Ian Potts as ATC representatives on the Appleby Chamber of Trade & Community Association (ACTCA).
- a Joint Working Party be established between ATC and the ACTCA to prepare a joint website for the town, accessing grant funding intended to encourage businesses in rural areas and overcoming grant funding issues associated with local councils.

ACTION

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Clerk

RFO

F6/09/07 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED BY WORKING PARTIES

RECOMMEND to Council that the Tea Urn in the Supper Room at the Public Hall be replaced on health & safety grounds with a plumbed in water heater providing constant hot water at a cost of £402 plus approximately £100 for installation costs (see catalogue on centre table for specific product details)

**Public
Hall
Mgr**

F7/09/07 GRANT APPLICATION

RECOMMEND to Council that a grant of **£1,500** be made to the **Appleby Chamber of Trade & Community Association** by the **Ingram Dawson Legacy** towards the £3,500 needed to fund Christmas Lights for 2007. This grant to be made with the provision that the lights be looked after properly for future years, including appropriate protective storage.

RFO

As both Charity Trustees could not be present for this meeting, Cllr Mrs Langan indicated her approval of this recommendation. The remaining Trustee, Cllr H Potts, to be consulted at the full Council Meeting for his approval.

RECOMMEND to Council that :

- a grant of £250 requested by **Age Concern Eden** be sought from the **John Percival Fawcett Charity Fund** administered by EDC.
- a grant to cover the 2007 Appleby in Bloom expenditure also be sought from the **John Percival Fawcett Charity Fund** administered by EDC.

RFO

F8/09/07 INSURANCE FOR COUNCIL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

RECOMMEND to Council that the VAT element be included in property rebuild insurance cover, at an additional cost of £737 per annum.

The Civic Regalia portion of this agenda item was deferred for further consideration when the Committee next meet on October 1st.

AGREED that the RFO would obtain additional information, in order to prepare a written summary report for the Clerk to print and distribute to all Members attending the full Council meeting on September 12th, as pre-reading for that October 1st Committee meeting.

RFO

Clerk

F9/09/07 ANNUAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF LEGAL MINIMUM WAGE

RECOMMEND that payment of the Legal Minimum Wage be automatically approved for any employee below the threshold, wherever it is appropriate that it be paid, in line with Government legislation, as it is increased each year.

F10/09/07 CORRESPONDENCE (for information / recommendation to Council)

None outstanding.

F11/09/07 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on **Monday October 1st at 7.45pm** in the Moot Hall, **or upon the rising of the Planning Committee.**

ALL

There being no further business, **the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.**