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A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 4th 2008 AT 7.40pm

Committee Members Present : [in alphabetical order]	Vice Chairman	HR Potts
	Councillors	A Connell (<i>deputy for P Elliott</i>)
		Mrs E Langan (<i>from 8.05pm</i>)
		J Pape
		Mrs C Patterson
		S Rooke
		LH Thwaytes
Apologies from Committee Members :	Chairman	I Potts
	Councillors	KJ Budding (<i>unpaid RFO</i>)
		PR Elliott
Copies to all remaining Members of Council for information, some of whom were in attendance at this Committee Meeting in an advisory capacity.		

F1/02/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr I Potts, the Vice Chairman, Cllr H Potts, took the Chair. Apologies were received by the Vice Chairman on the Committee's behalf.

F2/02/08 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, held on January 2nd 2008, were a true and accurate record. The Vice Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Any recommendations contained in these minutes had been considered for adoption by Council on January 9th 2008.

F3/02/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Patterson declared a personal interest in Agenda item 9, the letter from one of the Council's tenants.

F4/02/08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

None this month, due to the Chairman's absence.

F5/02/08 ASSISTANT RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Assistant RFO's Report was received and noted, including :

- an advert had been placed in the Herald, inviting sealed bids for the lease of a shop in the Market Hall which would become vacant on February 7th 2008

F6/02/08 EXPENDITURE RECOMMENDED BY WORKING PARTIES

None this month.

ACTION

HP

F7/02/08 CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered a letter from the **Appleby in Westmorland Society (AiWS) to the Council** and the Clerk's interim reply, relating to **the Moot Hall**.

Cllr Thwaytes felt no reply was necessary since the matter seemed to have been resolved.

Cllr Mrs Patterson felt the Clerk's interim reply was adequate.

RECOMMEND to Council that the letter be noted (all Councillors having received a copy of it).

Members considered a copy of a letter from the **AiWS to the Appleby Chamber of Trade & Community Association (ACoT&CA)**, together with the ACoT&CA response to the AiWS, relating to **liaison meetings**.

Cllr Holloway asked should the Council be working with everyone in the town who could help improve buildings etc, was that liaison good enough at the moment or did anything need to be changed ? Cllr Potts asked if he would like an item adding to a future agenda. Cllr Holloway felt there may be something which could be done as a Council.

Cllr Connell felt Council might consider any way in which clashes which had taken place on a number of occasions at Council meetings might be prevented.

It was noted that the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade felt the need for liaison meetings had now passed, in the current satisfactory atmosphere of positive co-operation where there were sufficient existing procedures and avenues of communication should the need arise.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Holloway would meet with the Clerk on the following Wednesday, to read her file of AiWS newsletters and correspondence with the Council. *(Meeting since held, Cllr Holloway will give some thought to how best to take this forward).*

RECOMMEND to Council that the letter be noted (all Councillors having received a copy of it).

The Clerk informed Members that she would not in future be reading the AiWS Newsletter, since due to time constraints she was unable to write to the Society to correct any errors published by it.

F8/02/08 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members **RESOLVED** that under Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public should be excluded from the remainder of this meeting while the following item of business was discussed. *A member of the public left the meeting.*

F9/02/08 LETTER FROM A TENANT

Cllr Mrs Patterson reminded Members of her personal interest in this item.

Members considered a letter from a Tenant requesting (a) a rent review and (b) permission to remove partitions and install a counter.

RECOMMEND to Council that the Clerk write to the Tenant to say no rent review on his current premises was possible, due to the bidding system used to protect public money, but that he was welcome to submit a sealed bid for the vacant tenancy currently being advertised in the Herald.

RECOMMEND to Council that it defer any decision on the removal of partitions until it was known if the Tenant would be staying in his current premises.

Clerk

F10/02/08 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on **Monday March 3rd 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 8.20pm.**