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A MEETING OF THE **FINANCE COMMITTEE** WAS HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY JUNE 29th 2009 AT 6.45pm

Committee Members Present : [in alphabetical order]	Chairman	LH Thwaytes
	Vice Chairman	GI Holloway
	Councillors	Miss S Knowles (<i>Deputy for Cllr Rooke</i>)
		Mrs E Langan
		J Pape
		HR Potts
Apologies from Committee Members :	Councillors	Mrs D Anderton S Rooke
Copies to all remaining Members of Council for information, <i>some of whom were in attendance at this Committee Meeting in an advisory capacity.</i>		

NOTE : Council has instructed its Clerk to record DECISIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS only in her Minutes, making them necessarily short. However, further detail on any item of particular interest may be obtained from the Clerk, who is able to reference her detailed notes, should residents wish for more information on non-confidential items. Some meeting reports are also available via the Parish Newsletter and the local Press.

F1/07/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received by the Chairman on the Committee's behalf.

F2/07/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members **AGREED** that the draft minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on June 1st 2009, were a true and accurate record. The Chairman was authorised to sign them as such. Any recommendations contained in these draft minutes had been considered for adoption by Council on June 10th 2009.

F3/07/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Potts declared a prejudicial interest in the Shire Hall Public Toilets.

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

No report this month.

F5/07/09 FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The RFO having tendered her apologies for this meeting due to illness, her report was deferred until full Council on July 8th.

F6/07/09 PUBLIC HALL WORKING PARTY REPORT

The Public Hall Working Party Chair, Cllr Mrs Langan, presented this report - copies of which had previously been circulated to all Members.

RECOMMEND that this report (**and the recommendations contained therein**) be adopted, with the specifications for work to the Public Hall being drawn up within three months.

ACTION

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RFO

PHWP

F7/07/09 T.I.C. WORKING PARTY REPORT

Cllr Holloway presented this report - copies of which had previously been circulated to all Members with this meeting agenda.

RECOMMEND that this report (there were no recommendations contained therein) be adopted.

F8/07/09 ANNUAL GRANT REVIEW - HEART OF EDEN PARISH NEWSLETTER

RECOMMEND that the annual grant be increased to **£200** for the reporting of civic affairs. Advice to be sought from the RFO at full Council to determine an appropriate charity fund from which to donate this grant.

RFO

F9/07/09 SEALED BIDS

RECOMMEND that a Sealed Bid from **EDEN MIND of PENRITH** for the vacant tenancy of **4 Market Arcade** be accepted. Lease to be for one year with an option to renew for a further three years. Shop to be used as a mental health & wellbeing information centre, a base for selected Eden Mind services and a charity shop selling a range of donated goods.

Clerk

F10/07/09 SHIRE HALL PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Potts left the meeting at this point, having declared a prejudicial interest.

RECOMMEND that a letter from FS Potts & Sons dated June 16th offering the Council a five-year Lease be noted and that an item be placed on the July 8th full Council agenda to receive a report from the **Public Toilets Working Party** meeting planned for July 7th.

PTWP

RECOMMEND that a final decision is not then taken until the following full Council meeting on September 9th.

Clerk

The Mayor requested that letters read out on behalf of Cllrs Rooke and Mrs Anderton be taken forward to the July 8th full Council meeting.

**SK
IH**

F11/07/09 NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on **Monday August 3rd 2009** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

ALL

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.40pm.