

**Minutes of the meeting of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE held on
Monday, 18th May 2015 at 9pm
in the Committee Room, Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

Present: Cllr K Binding, Cllr R Gardner, Cllr V Leach (ex-officio), Cllr R Patient, Cllr Mrs L Shaw, Cllr D Weir, Cllr Mrs M Weir and Cllr Mrs P Young.

1. To elect a Chairman for civic year 2015-16:

The Clerk asked for nominations. Cllr Patient proposed **Cllr Mrs Shaw** which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Young and with no further nominations, the **motion** was carried after a show of hands.

2. To elect a Vice Chairman for civic year 2015-16:

Cllr Mrs Young nominated **Cllr Binding** which was seconded by Cllr Gardner and with no further nominations, the motion was **carried** after a show of hands.

3. To receive apologies for non-attendance at meeting:

All Members were present.

4. Declarations of any:

a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest;

b) Other Pecuniary Interest; or

c) Non-Pecuniary Interest

on any matter on the agenda for 18th May 2015:

None were declared.

5. Public Forum:

None Present.

6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2015 and to approve the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting:

The Minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record and Members approved the destruction of the notes in respect of that meeting.

7. Action Update List - May 2015:

7.1 Agreed to remove the item re. Crucial Crew following deferral notified at Full Council.

7.2 The Clerk gave a verbal update regarding plans for the Office refurbishment.

7.3 The Clerk reported that Fords, Dunton had carried out a fix to the truck seat and explained the design fault; the Groundsman was satisfied with the result. Members agreed to close the item.

Members **accepted** the Action Update List.

8. Financial Report – April 2015:

Cllr Gardner queried Utilities/Admin expenditure which he reported to be expensive for either gas or electricity. Charges were discussed and the Clerk clarified there was no meter for gas usage which was an annual charge included with the rent but the electricity was metered. Cllr Mrs Young offered to raise the issue at the next Village

Hall meeting, as Vice Chair, but she felt that Council were being charged fairly and expected the bill to reduce due to a recent change of supplier. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would take advice from Cllr Gardner and bring back a report to the next meeting. There were no further questions and Members **accepted** the Financial Report.

9. EALC Fees 2015/2016 - £1,079.18:

Membership and Fees for the EALC 2015/16 were approved.

10. Summary of Decisions:

- Cllr Mrs Shaw was elected Committee Chairman.
- Cllr Binding was elected Committee Vice Chairman.
- Agreed removal of Action List items as above.
- The Clerk and Cllr Gardner to liaise re. Office utilities and report at next meeting/Cllr Mrs Young to follow up charges at next Village Hall meeting.
- Approved EALC Membership 2015/16 and Fees.

The meeting was closed at 9.08pm.

Chairman

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