



## 6. BUDGET

The Town Council on 9 September had suggested that the budget should contain an amount to cover donations to local performing arts and cultural organisations.

**RESOLVED:** that the budget for 2005/6 is prepared with notional figures for donations or grants to cultural activities, community buildings and sport and recreation.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

### 7.1 Congleton Borough Council – Resources

The Clerk reported that three totally incorrect invoices had been received from CBC. It was noted that there were ongoing changes in the responsible department at CBC.

**RESOLVED:** that the item is reviewed at the next Finance meeting.

### 7.2 Congleton Borough Council – Senior Conservation Officer

She had provided information about the availability of funds for the repair and restoration of war memorials. Members noted that the memorial at Elworth had suffered damage.

**RESOLVED:** that the possibility of repairing the Elworth memorial using the above funds would be investigated.

## 8. LETTERS OF THANKS FOR DONATIONS

### 8.1 Sandbach Rugby Union Football Club

Cllr Lloyd-Griffiths declared an interest.

The Club in thanking the Council had invited members and the Chairman to present the cheque. The Clerk had inadvertently failed to inform members other than the Chairman of the invitation and apologised.

**RESOLVED:** that another general invitation for Council members is sought.

### 8.2 St John, Sandbach Heath

Cllr Lloyd-Griffiths declared an interest.

A letter of thanks and notification of completion had been received.

**RESOLVED:** that the information be received.

## 9. APPLICATIONS FOR DONATIONS

### 9.1 Sandbach Today – The Event

They request a sum of £200 towards the costs. The application form and sets of recent accounts are attached.

The Council is a keen supporter of Sandbach Today and the newer Event. It had provided enabling funding in the past but it was apparent from the accounts that any further funding would simply boost an already healthy bank balance.

**RESOLVED:** that the application is refused in this instance.

## 9.2 Wheelock Community Association

Cllrs Lloyd-Griffiths and Lea declared a connection with this project resulting from their roles with other councils.

They request a £5,000 grant towards £45,000 required to purchase the land and buildings.

Members were told that the value of the land and buildings now owned by the church was far greater than the price being asked. They were also assured that the existing building would make an excellent community centre.

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £5,000 be made towards the cost of purchase of land and buildings subject to clarification of the detailed costs. In the unlikely event that the project fails the Council will require a legal charge on the building for the return of the grant.

## 9.3 Sandbach in Bloom

Cllr Alcock declared an interest as a member of the committee.

They requested £2,000.

**RESOLVED:** that a donation of £2,000 is made to the Sandbach in Bloom Committee.

## 9.4 Sandbach United Football Club

A preliminary letter is attached. An application form had been completed. They had not stated for how much they were applying. The overall project size is over £1 million. We require a business plan. The accounts are incomplete in that they do not state assets. It is not clear whether the Bradwall Road site will be developed.

**RESOLVED:** that the Club is asked for more information.

## 9.5 Sandbach Literary Institution

Cllr Lea declared an interest as the Town Council Trustee.

An application form was presented to the meeting. Because of a proposal that was expected to be made to the next Quality meeting a request was made that this item was deferred.

**RESOLVED:** that the application is deferred to the next Finance meeting.

## 9.6 St Peter's Elworth Church Hall

Cllrs Lea and Scragg declared interests.

An application form was presented to the meeting. The overall cost of the project was £200,000 towards which a grant of £15,000 was requested from the Council. Much of the work was to comply with the disability requirements.

**RESOLVED:** that a grant of £15,000 be awarded of which £10,000 would be from the earmarked reserves for disability act improvements and £5,000 from general reserves.

**10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:** that the next Finance Committee Meeting will be the budget setting meeting and will take place on 18 November 2004 at the Mayor's Room, Westfields.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

M R Sherman  
Chairman

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