

5.2 Audit Statement of Assurance

RESOLVED: that the 2004/5 Statement of Assurance is approved.

6. REVIEW OF CLERK/RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER SALARY

Due to the confidential nature this item was considered at the end with the press and public excluded.

The present Salary Scale is Spinal Column Point 35, as recommended by the National Association of Local Councils, at the rate of 20/37 of that scale.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk is moved to Spinal Column Point 36 back dated to 1 April 2005 and that a full review of the Clerkship is carried out taking into account the new national agreement before the end of the calendar year. Any resulting increase will be backdated to 1 April 2005.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

The decision had been taken at the last meeting to delay the assessment until the Council moved into the Sandbach Literary Institution. Cllr Scragg had been contacted for advice but since his experience was mainly for outdoor activities he had involved Mr Robert Meredith, Health and Safety Adviser for Cheshire County Council. He had provided a check list document used by schools but suitable with modification for the Council's proposed activities at the Institution. A copy of the document was tabled.

The Clerk had also acquired a Risk Assessment checklist from SLCC and had modified it to suit the Council.

RESOLVED: that the documents were received and that SLI working group carry out the risk assessment for presentation to the next Finance Committee Meeting.

8. SANDBACH LITERARY INSTITUTION

The refurbishment was reaching the final stages and so far the project had gone well.

The proposed Council Chamber had been decorated and work on the floor was imminent. There had been delays in obtaining sufficient quotations for the office modification, but the first of the two received so far looked attractive.

The Trustees and the Council representatives had agreed the nature of the lease but the Trustees' solicitor was not prepared to implement their requirements. Advice had been sought from the NALC lawyer who agreed broadly with the working group and Trustees.

RESOLVED: that the actions of the working group are endorsed and that the position over the lease is supported.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR DONATIONS

9.1 Sandbach Clean Team

They had replied to the comments made at the last meeting. Members felt that the proposed organisation was getting over-complicated with unnecessary bureaucracy.

RESOLVED: that we wish to see evidence of a clearer integration of the Clean Team with organisations with allied aims viz., Sandbach in Bloom

and Friends of Sandbach Station. The Town Council is not prepared to support the current application for funds.

9.2 Bowling Club – VJ Cup

RESOLVED: that the requested grant of £100 is confirmed.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Sandbach Voices

They are now in a position to purchase the organ.

RESOLVED: that the letter is received.

10.2 CAB Sandbach

They would like to talk to the Council about funding.

RESOLVED: that before the CAB came in person members would like the CAB explain the broad outline of their proposals.

11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next Finance Committee Meeting will take place on 15 September 2005 at the Sandbach Literary Institution.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

M R Sherman
Chairman

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