

CROXLEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

Present: Cllr Bennett – In the Chair David Allison – Clerk to the Council

Cllrs Edmunds, Jordan, Seeley and Shafe

Voting Members: 5

In Attendance: Cllrs Getkahn and Martin

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FA818/12/S Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mitchell.

FA819/12/S Declaration of Interests

The Chairman recommended that any declarations of interest be made, if necessary, throughout the meeting.

FA820/12/S Representations from the Public

There were no representations.

FA821/12/S Funding Arrangements for 2012/13 regarding Village Hall

The Chairman introduced this matter and asked the Clerk to elaborate. The Clerk advised that the funding to Croxley Green Community Association for the Village Hall was discussed at the Council meeting on 10 May 2012 and that some Members had concerns about a potential direct payment to the Croxley Green Community Club. The Clerk added that under the Agreement with the Association provision had been made for membership of the Club and that this was an internal matter for the Association. The Clerk stated that as a result of the concerns expressed by Members a meeting was arranged with the Community Association to address the matter, the notes from which were circulated with the Agenda.

The Clerk stated that Cllrs Edmunds and Jordan were present with the Association represented by Mr Steve Ames, Chairman of the Association and Mr Tom Watts, an Association Committee Member. The meeting had reviewed the intent of the Agreement in regard to the Community Membership element as this was intended for the Association to provide membership to the Club. The Clerk added that at the meeting Mr Ames confirmed that internal arrangements had been made for membership for the Club and that the position in this regard had not changed.

The Clerk concluded that from the meeting it was clearly stated that the Agreement with the Council for the Village Hall was with the Association and it was for the Association to internally address the matter of membership for the Club.

A Councillor asked how the Council had got into this position to which the Chairman advised that there did seem to be a communication issue mainly between the Association and the Club and that this was a matter they needed to address.

It was also pointed out that the Council may have been 'sidetracked' from the Agreement by what it had understood by the TRDC Licensing Officer requiring membership transparency when it is perfectly clear that membership to the Club exclusively relies on membership to the Association – no one can be a member of the Club without being a member of the Association.

Members discussed the issue further but concluded that the internal arrangements regarding Club membership are a matter the Association and the Club to deal with. It was also stated that in the event the Association were not able to deliver the Club membership there would be a potential breach of the Agreement with the Association.

The Chairman concluded that given the assurances given by the Association and the necessary steps taken by this Committee regarding due diligence as requested by Council prior to release of further monies, it was evident that the outstanding £2,500 should be paid to the Association and not to the Club. A proposal was put forward accordingly.

Resolved:

- That the outstanding £2,500 be paid to Croxley Green Community Association in accordance with the Agreement.

FA822/12/S Closure

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm.