



ALDERLEY EDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016

Present: Cllr G Hall (Chairman), Cllrs M Dudley-Jones, M Garbett,
I Higham, C Munro and R Norbury.

Clerk: A Ross

Hall Manager

2 members of the public

1 member of the press

Meeting

Commenced: 7:33pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs C Browne, R Grantham and Taylorson.

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary interest (DPI).

Cllr Hall declared an interest in items 8 & 9 and did not participate in the vote.

Cllrs R Norbury and M Dudley-Jones declared an interest item 11 and did not participate in the discussion.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2016.

Approval proposed by Councillor R Norbury, seconded by Councillor I Higham and carried.

4. Report on status of the Medical Centre project

Cllr Hall read a report summarising the latest milestones achieved. (report attached)

5. Report from the Festival Hall Advisory Committee.

Cllr Hall reported that the committee has met three times and the minutes of the group will go on the website. There are currently some grant applications in progress which will hopefully allow an upgrade to the hall in terms of acoustics, lighting, de-mountable staging, etc so the hall can perform multiple functions.

£110,000 has already been raised to allow creation of the hospitality suite and a separate announcement will be made on that.

The target is to raise an additional £140,000 to allow completion of the three rooms on the top floor and install a lift.

6. Resolution: To disband the General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Dudley-Jones proposed, Cllr Garbett seconded and all were agreed.

RESOLVED: unanimously

7. Resolution: To approve Arcus fees of £10,837.69, reflecting the increase in contract value to £2,936,286.03 - consistent with the original Arcus fee agreement of 1.4% of contract value. This equates to a total fee of £41108.00 (the previously approved fee was £30,270.31)

Cllr Norbury proposed, Cllr Munro seconded and all were agreed.

RESOLVED: unanimously

- 8. Resolution: To retrospectively approve the appointment of Rebloom Ltd to provide initial set-up of Facilities Management covering the Festival Hall and Medical Centre at a cost of £6,600.00 (Commitment made prior to formal resolution due to exceptionally tight timetable to ensure HSE compliance before completion) (Including application to waive standing orders relating to contracts and a report specifying the emergency by which the exception is justified)**

Cllr Hall read a report outlining the need to get a facilities management contract in place as soon as possible and the reasons for approving an interim contract until a formal tender process can be started. He also clarified that the initial set up cost is £2950 and the 6 month contract cost is £3650 bringing the combined cost of resolutions 8 and 9 to £6600.00 (report attached). After discussion:

Cllr Garbett proposed, Cllr Norbury seconded.

RESOLVED: 5 votes for, Cllr Hall abstained

To retrospectively approve the appointment of Rebloom Ltd to provide initial set-up of Facilities Management covering the Festival Hall and Medical Centre at a cost of £2950.00

- 9. Resolution: To approve a 6 month contract to Rebloom Ltd to cover interim Facilities Management covering the Festival Hall and the Medical Centre at a cost of £6,600.00. (During this period a formal tender process for a contract covering longer term facilities management will be put in place and a contract awarded).**

Cllr Norbury proposed, Cllr Dudley-Jones seconded.

RESOLVED: 5 votes for, Cllr Hall abstained

To approve a 6 month contract to Rebloom Ltd to cover interim Facilities Management covering the Festival Hall and the Medical Centre at a cost of £3650.00

- 10. Resolution: To discontinue funding of the PCSO until further notice.**

Cllr Garbett gave a report about the pros and cons of discontinuing the funding. After discussion a vote was taken.

Cllr Norbury proposed, Cllr Dudley-Jones.

RESOLVED: 5 votes for, Cllr Garbett abstained

- 11. Resolution: To agree new tenancy agreements with AEAGS**

Cllr Hall reported that as the leases had not been received from the solicitors until late that afternoon the motion be postponed until the April meeting. All were agreed.

- 12. Reports from Councillors**

Cllr Hall read a report prepared by Cllr Browne summarising his latest activities as ward councillor (report attached).

Cllr Munro reported that:

The Mayfair will be on 21st May with a week of events starting on 14th May.

The Partnership team, which is 8 people with a mailing list of 31. One of their projects was 'clean for the Queen' and 27 people helped to clean the village. They have entered the village for the RHS competition and are meeting with the community rail officer to discuss how they can improve the station.

She attended the Neighbourhood Planning conference on 4th March and found it useful. She has been in contact with Audlem council who have just completed their neighbourhood plan and would be willing to help and also met with Nether Alderley to discuss joining up. She will give a presentation at the April meeting to help the Parish Council decide whether or not they want to go ahead with one.

Meeting Closed: 8.16-pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Undertaken By	Detail	When For

**Councillor G Hall
CHAIRMAN**