

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on **16th December 2009** held at the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present Cllr Macaulay (Chair), Cllr Akinbusoye, Cllr Allum, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Fitchett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Markley, Cllr Pickhaver, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams.

No public present

1. **Apologies** Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Byfield, (hospital) Cllr Teesdale (unavailable), Cllr Rose (ill) Cllr Wallis (unavailable)
2. **Declaration of member's interest.** None declared
3. **Public Question time** – no public present
4. **Review financial budgetary implications for 2010/2011** The following actions were agreed in principle and would be ratified at the January committee meetings.
 - a. Cllr Foskett suggested the level of marketing of our income streams should be increased so as to increase the income where possible. This should be reviewed by the office team and one or two councillors as a task in the new year.
 - b. The F&P committee budget was reviewed. The proposed savings were not seen as beneficial to the way in which the parish council wishes to serve the community, and were therefore rejected. Cllr Allum proposed the rejection of these savings; this was seconded by Cllr Foskett and all agreed.
 - c. Summer Project bid. The proposal to carry out more activities for approximately the same cost as 2009 was accepted. Cllr Stabler suggested that the Parish council seeks alternative venues such as Brookward Annex for the indoor activities. PM to contact Headmistress.
 - d. Downs Barn lease is to expire 1st July 2010. A contingency of £5000 for additional running costs was agreed in principle. The £10,000 for the development fund could be ring fenced from the current council reserves/money in bank. Cllr Stabler suggested that in the future this ring fenced money could be taken from precept income once the detail of the lease is known.
 - e. Cllr Foskett suggested the formulation of a reserves policy should be tabled at the next F&P meeting.
 - f. Cllr McMillan requested that the money to be allocated to support the Waterside festival committee with a specific objective of improving security. More detailed conversations should be had with this committee.
 - g. Income required to allow the parish council to manage all the projects as bid, was reviewed. The project bids as documented were proposed by Cllr Tripp, seconded by Cllr Foskett, all agreed
5. **Review and agree the financial budgetary implications and the proposed precept for 2010/2011**
 - a. The net expenditure requires the precept to be raised from the present £99,838.26 to £153,957- The total precept charge would be £24.61 per band "D" household, [a rise of £8.65 per year from £15.96] equating to a total weekly precept cost of 47.33p. This was proposed by Cllr Stabler, seconded by Cllr Allum and all agreed.
 - b. It was agreed that the information for residents would be put into the March News and Views rather than using a MKC leaflet, thus saving £480.

Chair _____ Date _____