

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND POLICY
2nd April 2002 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs Read (Chair), Guinness, Kambites, Marjoram

In attendance: Cllr Brown, Susan Creswick (Clerk)

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Belcher, Booth, Cranston and Sutherland. In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr Read was nominated to Chair this meeting.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th February 2002

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by Cllr Read.

3. Matters Arising

Newsletter. These had been bundled into the correct numbers for each street and delivered to the Sea Cadets. Cllrs are asked to advise Council at its meeting on 15th April if they have received a newsletter.

Cllrs

Bus Services. Notice had just been received that the 8/8A service for Uplands and the Top of Town would be largely unchanged, although the service would not now include Paganhill. GCC to be advised that in general the retention of this level of service was welcome news.

Waste Collection. The new system of collection by Serviceteam on behalf of SDC is to be monitored and commented on at Council on 15th April.

Cheapside Planning Event. The report is awaited. Funding for the event was confirmed as being taken from Planning Committee's unused 20 mph poll budget.

4. Fair Trade Town

The following resolution was passed:

Stroud Town Council fully supports the concept of Fairtrade towns. The Council will

- Serve fairtrade tea and coffee at its meetings and in its office
- Work towards registering Stroud as a Fairtrade Town by meeting the Fairtrade Foundation's five goals.

It was also agreed that Cllr Marjoram would report to the next Finance and Policy meeting on 15th July on how many of the criteria had been met

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and what, if anything, was needed to achieve Fair Trade status. The Town Centre Manager is to be advised of the Council's decision so that the Town Centre Partnership and Chamber of Trade are made aware of the Council's commitment. It was felt that this would be an additional unique selling point for the promotion of Stroud.

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5. Restoration of Blackboy School Clock

It was agreed that restoration of this clock was an extremely worthwhile project and £1500 was pledged towards the cost, payable on completion of the work. This sum to be drawn from the SDC Jubilee Grant and the restoration budget. Mr. D. Mellish to be advised.

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6. Museum Trail Pack

A sample pack for each season was shown. It was agreed that 25 copies should be made available free each season in our offices on a first come first served basis as a way of promoting the Museum and Stratford Park. A press release is to be drafted. The cost to be taken from the museum budget.

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7. The Leazes Draft Management Agreement

The terms were generally approved, with the following exceptions to be advised to SDC:

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2.1 There should be no annual fee.

In the Schedule (c) cutting and fertilising should be at STC's discretion.

A site inspection is to be requested prior to taking over the management of the site.

The Clerk was instructed to sign the Lease when it was available in acceptable form.

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8. SDC Golden Jubilee Grant

It was agreed that 'time' was an appropriate theme for the Jubilee and that the £1500 offered by SDC towards Jubilee projects should be split between the Blackboy Clock and Stroud Time. SDC to be advised.

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9. Budget Monitoring February 2002

The figures were reviewed and it was agreed that the following items would be carried forward to the new financial year:

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Street Lighting	balance
Facilities for Young People	balance
Bank Gardens lighting	£9000
The Leazes	balance



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Local Plan		
Tetra defence	£1000 (from 20 mph poll)	
Cheapside Planning	£2000 (from 20 mph poll)	
Paganhill Arch	£1000	
Footpaths	£1400	
Community Land Trust	£4000	

10. Payments for February 2002

Payments for February 2002 were approved.

11. Items for a future agenda

None were proposed.

12. Confidential Business

Salary amendments proposed by the Personnel Sub Committee were approved and are the subject of a separate confidential minute.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th June 2002.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chair 

Date 5 June 2002