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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held at the Shire Hall, Llandeilo on
Wednesday 4th June 2003 at 8.40pm.**

Present: Councillors: Cllr G. Vaughan Jones, Cllr C. Cooper, Cllr C. Jenkins, Cllr G. Price, Cllr.
K. Day, Cllr R. Bellamy, Cllr D. A. Jones.

Other: Colette Paterson (Town Clerk), R. Huw Griffith (Technical Officer)

5760: Apologies : None

5761: Election of a Chair of the Finance Committee.

Cllr K. Day proposed Cllr. R. Bellamy, This was seconded by Cllr. G. Vaughn Jones and Cllr G. Price and passed with all in favour.

Cllr R. Bellamy took over as Chair of the Meeting.

5762: Financial Report - The Clerk was not in receipt of the Bank Statements for the end of May so balances were based on her calculations.

General Current		Mayors Expense		No Notice Account	
Previous.	18465.14	Previous	£ 1172.13	Previous	23708.08
In precept	11230.02	No further information		In Transfer	20000.00
Out transfer	20000.00-			TOTAL :	<u>£ 43708.08</u>
Unpaid cheques	3775.34-				
Add dinner dep	455.00				
TOTAL :	<u>£ 6374.82</u>				

5763: Accounts For Payment:

*Martin Rees for work resulting from safety testing £453.55
Konica Peter Llewellyn photocopies used £8.05*

5764: Festival request for funding under Events Budget. A letter had arrived from Cllr Day requesting the Town Council's financial assistance for the Third Annual Llandeilo Festival. Three committee members declared an interest and left the meeting. It is noted that the contribution to the Llandeilo Festival does not come from the section 137 budget but from the Events budget. Cllr Cooper requested the Festival Committee presented balance sheets, these had been supplied.

Cllr D. A. Jones proposed the amount of £1500.00 a generous 50% increase on previous years contribution. This was seconded by C.Cooper and passed with all in favour with the proviso that the Town Council was given recognition and its Logo appeared in the programme.

Cllrs rejoined meeting.

5765: Festival of Music and Flowers; A request for financial assistance had been received. This request is also considered under the Events Budget. The Council considered that this successful and growing festival that brought much to the town. There were reservations regarding the Festival's lack of use of local Talent. The Festival brochure had already been published. The Council felt that as they had previously contributed to this festival some recognition should be given to it, the appearance of the Town Council Logo in the programme as a sponsor etc. Cllr C. Jenkins proposed the amount of £750.00 (again a 50% increase on the previous years contribution). Cllr Vaughan Jones counter proposed the sum of £500.00 with the offer for further future funding should the Town Council Logo be included in the Festival literature and banners. The Proposals were put to vote. £500.00 - 2 For and 4 Against. £750.00 - 4 For and 2 Against.

It was moved to pay the Festival of Music and Flowers the contribution of £750.00, with the Clerk writing an accompanying letter requesting that the Town Council's contribution be recognised and the logo included in the programme. It was further recommended that the Town Council request that the Mayor be invited to be present in his official capacity at one or more of the events to be held at this Festival.

5766: The Gardens beneath the Crescent. Cllr D. A. Jones stated that the Council had proposed a figure of £2500.00 for the purchase of the Gardens. County Cllr I . Jones said that he was sure that this would secure the garden. Cllr D. A. Jones recommended that the amount be raised to give some flexibility in the negotiations. Cllr. D. A. Jones proposed the figure of £2750.00 and Cllr C. Cooper recommended that this be adjusted to £2757.00 as the odd number was

advantageous in a bid.

Cllr D.A. Jones proposed the amount be raised to £2797.00 for the purpose of the bidding for the garden. This was seconded by Cllr Cooper and passed with all in favour.

5767: Other Financial Matters: -The Technical Officer produced a bill from Westward Refrigeration for £47.00 for resetting the Shire Hall Boiler after a power cut.

The Council felt that this was not necessarily their responsibility and requested that the Clerk forward the bill to the Archaeological Trust for their consideration.

The Technical Officer had received a quote for the brass plaque to be placed outside the Shire Hall of £150.00 +VAT. It was recognised that the Wording of the Plaque needed to be considered and bilingual.

It was proposed by Cllr D> A. Jones that the quote was accepted and seconded by Cllr C. Cooper, and passed with all in favour.

The Technical Officer presented the four quotes for painting the front of the Shire Hall ; D.V. Hughes £4255.70

Hughes Glanamman £3760.00

REL Moses Llandeilo £3288.00

Gimletts £2627.00

Cllr G. Vaughan Jones said that the quality of the paint used was extremely important and the Council needed to be sure that the paint used was 10 yr high quality paint.

The Technical Officer was to enquire of REL Moses Llandeilo and Gimletts as to the paint they used, and the Council would allocate the work accordingly.

The Christmas Lights. Cllr Jenkins requested permission to begin the process of the Christmas lights improvement etc. Cllr D.A. Jones requested that the Council be presented with a detailed spec of what the putting up of the Christmas Lights involved. The Technical Officer said the first stage, the testing by British Lloyds, was not negotiable and as a part of Health and Safety considerations needed to be carried out.

Clerk to write to request permission to establish three further anchor points for the lights: Fanny's, The House of Silk and The Job Centre.

As regards the rest of the Christmas lights the request that the County Council take over the lights was still (back) on the table. County Cllr Jones to request that under the County Council's new policy of harmonisation they take on Llandeilo's lights as they already do the lights in Ammanford etc. It was also

deemed necessary to further involve the Chamber of Trade in the Christmas lights as a joint effort would see great benefits.

The Christmas Lights to be added as an agenda item for next meeting of Finance Committee.

The Meeting ended at 9.20p.m.