

FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday 17th 3th May 2003 at The Studio,
Town Hall Arts Centre
Commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present: Town Councillors: C. Cullum, A. Daniel-Ward, M. Dane, E. Goody,
G Kiernan (except items 1-4), Mrs Mary Martin,
L. Robinson, J. Rudd, N. Whelan**

By Invitation: Town Councillors: Mick Graham

Also present: Three members of the public.

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Dane proposed Cllr Daniel-Ward be elected as Chair. Cllr Goody seconded the proposal, all being in favour. There being no further nominations and Cllr Daniel-Ward being in favour Cllr Daniel-Ward was elected as Chair.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Cllr Daniel-Ward proposed Cllr Kiernan be elected as Vice-Chair. Cllr Dane seconded the proposal, which was carried, there being no further nominations, subject to Cllr Kiernan's acceptance.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Fanning (substitute Cllr Rudd), and Maggie Lee (substitute Cllr Goody).

4. Declaration of Interest

Cllrs Goody and Mrs Mary Martin declared an interest as Members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

5. Minutes

Cllr Mrs Mary Martin proposed and Cllr Dane seconded that the Minutes of Meeting held 11th March 2003 be approved as a true record, all being in favour.

6. Matters arising

The Clerk advised that St Edmundsbury Borough Council were due to replace the William Blake Memorial Clock in Jubilee Walk.

The Clerk advised that St Edmundsbury Borough Council had a programme for installing tactile surfaces and dropped kerbs throughout the town at appropriate locations.

The Clerk advised that the pathway in Manor Road was under review by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

At this point Cllr Kiernan joined the meeting but declined the offer to become Vice-Chair. Cllr Daniel-Ward proposed Cllr Dane be elected Vice-Chair. Cllr Cullum seconded the proposal, which was carried by a majority. Cllr Dane being in favour, Cllr Dane was elected Vice-Chair.

8. **Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

9. **Accounts & Financial Statement 2002/2003**

The Committee noted the Accounts and Financial Statement 2002/2003. Cllr Kiernan declared an interest as a Member of Suffolk County Council in respect of an entry in the accounts. Cllr Kiernan proposed that, in respect of the gift of the defibrillator to the town, the Town Council accept the gift, that it be held at the Town Hall Arts Centre, that the Town Clerk be instructed to recruit and train volunteers in its use, and that it's location be appropriately publicised. Cllr Goody seconded the proposal, all being in favour. Cllr Cullum asked that the Town Council approach St Edmundsbury Borough Council regarding a defibrillator being available at the Leisure Centre.

The Clerk explained the Town Council's involvement in a small funding contribution to St Edmundsbury Borough Council's refurbishing of steps to the Railway Walk.

10. **Update on 2003/2004 Accounts**

The Committee noted the financial position as at 31st May.

11. **Authorisation of payments**

The Committee authorised payments as follows:-

Date	Item Numbers	Cheque Numbers	Total of Schedule
03.06.03	1-26	000310-000335	£15,882.00
12.06.03	1-29	000-336-000364	£24,798.27

11. **Matters of report**

There were no matters to report.

12. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.15 p.m.