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To all members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

18th January 2012

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE will be held on TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2012, commencing at 7.00 P.M., at CASTLE FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE, HIGH STREET, HADLEY, TELFORD.

Yours faithfully

Clerk of the Council

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **approve** apologies for absence

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members to disclose any interests in respect of items listed in the agenda.

3. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DECLARED PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT ITEM 2, AND BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IN RESPECT OF ITEMS LISTED IN THE AGENDA ONLY.

Members with prejudicial interests in items listed in the agenda who wish to make representations under Paragraph 12(2) of the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of those items to do so now, followed by any representations by members of the public in respect of items listed in the agenda.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To **confirm** the minutes of the meeting of the Committee which was held on the 15th November 2011 (see appendix A).

5. PLANNING

Applications for consideration

Note: in the event that the Council requests that an application is referred to the Plans Board it will need to consider whether it wishes to nominate a representative to speak on behalf of the Council at Plans Board, and if so, to nominate a member or the Clerk.

Clerk: Colin Potts

1. TWC/2012/0010 - change of use of former public house to shop (involving partial demolition), installation of solar photovoltaic panels to roof, partial demolition of boundary wall, installation of new display window, installation of railings and aluminium bollards and construction of a front access ramp, The Summerhouse Public House, Haybridge Road, Hadley, Telford.

2. TWC/2012/0016 - Erection of 1200mm high metal railings to front boundary, Plots 1 & 2, Park Court, Hadley Park Road, Leegomery, Telford.

3. TWC/2010/0030 - Proposed two storey single detached dwelling with parking for two cars, land off Apley Castle, Apley, Telford.

6. APPLICATION FOR STREET TRADING CONSENT

To consider and agree the council's response to a consultation in respect of an application for Street Trading consent – see **Appendix B**

7. GRANTS

Note: the budget provision for grants for 2011/12 is £6,000.00, of which £3,450.00 has been spent leaving a balance of £2,550.00.

(a) Application for consideration

To consider the following application, a copy of which is attached at **appendix C** together with a copy of the council's adopted Grants Policy for reference:

Telford Elim Community Church (*s.137, LGA 1973*)*
Samaritans of Telford (*s.137, LGA 1973*)*
Telford Chin Woo (*s.19, Local Govt. (Misc. Provns.) Act 1976*)

* The Committee will need to pass the following resolution in respect of any grant made under s.137 of the Local Govt. Act 1972: *"that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should make the following grant(s) which, in the opinion of the Council, is/are in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will directly benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure"*.

(b) Thanks for grants previously made (for information only)

To note that thanks have been received from Telford West Indian Association and Telford Sea Cadets.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

A report will be tabled to include:

(a) Expenditure for ratification

To ratify any items of expenditure that have been authorised by the Clerk under the terms of Financial Regulation 3.4.

(b) Payments for approval

To approve the drawing of cheques, payment of direct debits and other payments detailed in an approval list which will be tabled, and to nominate two members present from the following authorised signatories to sign the cheques and payment authorities: Councillors R G Dickens, L Savage, J Smart, M J Smith and M L Wickstead.

9. LEEGOMERY AND DISTRICT ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION – SECURITY FENCING

To consider a request for financial support towards the cost of installing security fencing at Leegomery Allotments. The Association, with assistance from Telford & Wrekin Council, is working on an application for grant funding from the Lottery Awards for All scheme to install security fencing and gates around the

perimeter of the site. It is subject to frequent break-ins and vandalism and this fencing is necessary to secure the future viability of the site. The maximum grant available would be £10,000.00 and the cost of fencing will be in the region of £12,000.00. The Telford & Wrekin Council officer working with the association on this has suggested that if Telford & Wrekin Council and the Parish Council would each commit £1,000.00 to the project this would support the grant application. As a sizeable section of the fence borders the cemetery it would be in the council's own interests to see a strong fence erected, and if agreed the funding could be included in the cemetery budget for 2012/13 (see item 10).

10. YOUTH PROJECT

To confirm arrangements and **to authorise** any required expenditure in respect of the proposed Martial Arts session to be operated by the Youth Engagement Officer at Leegomery, as agreed by the Council on the 10th January. The Clerk will submit a report.

11. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2012/13

(a) Draft budget 2012/13

To consider a draft budget (**appendix D**), to amend as required, **and to make a recommendation** to the Council for acceptance.

Note: The Committee can carry out its normal monthly review of progress against budget for the current year to date when looking at the budget comparison report included in appendix D.

(b) Corporate budget and precept 2012/13

To consider a report (**appendix E**) **and to make a recommendation to Council** in respect of the method of funding of the budget agreed at item 11(a) and the level of precept for 2012/13.