

considered, and assistance had been recommended. This was endorsed by Finance and General Purposes Committee who: - **Resolved** – that an award of £3,000 be made to Telford and Wrekin Citizens Advice Bureau to fund the evening service and specialist advice sessions at the Madeley Branch.

58.1.2 Referral – CHEC Homes (STAY)

The grant application from CHEC Homes could not be considered at the Leisure and Community meeting due to the declared interests of two committee members. Funding had been requested to provide a day out for the tenants, all of whom are young people, living on very low incomes, who rarely enjoy such opportunities.

Resolved – that an award of £279.00 be made to CHEC Homes to fund a day trip for the tenants.

58.2 Environment Committee

Not available

F05/59 Budget & Finance – Business Plan Report

To effectively monitor and control the council's budget to ensure best value for the community.

The Business Plan report (Appendix A) was presented for Councillors information.

Noted

59.1 Expenditure Approval List

The Clerk presented the Expenditure Transactions Approval list.

Resolved – that the expenditure transactions be confirmed and approved for signature.

59.2 Financial Budget Comparison Report

The Clerk presented the Financial Comparison for the period to 1st April 2006.

Noted.

59.3 Vire Report

The Deputy Clerk had prepared a Vire report (Appendix B), requesting the transfer of monies between budget headings and from reserves, to enable him to complete the end of year accounts.

Resolved – that the financial movements requested by the Deputy Clerk be approved.

F05/60 Assets – Business Plan Report

To continuously improve all Council owned and managed properties and to provide facilities that are safe, well maintained and welcoming.

To publicise these facilities effectively and to deliver an efficient, value for money service.

The Clerk presented the Business Plan report (Appendix A) for Councillors information. Of particular note were: -

- annual 'spring cleaning' and inspection of equipment at Jubilee House
- The Coach House Working Group had met on 16th April. They informed the meeting that advice from the Borough was that permission to demolish the building was most unlikely due to the conservation status of the area (Section HE2 Wrekin Local Plan). A survey had been carried out by Thomas Consulting (part funded through HERS) which reported the building to be structurally sound. The meeting considered that in the light of this additional information, the future of the Coach House should be discussed at Full Council.

60.1 Jubilee House CCTV

The Services Officer had prepared a report (Appendix C) that outlined the need to review the CCTV system at Jubilee House. The current system is ineffective and the video recorder no longer works. The meeting was asked to decide between dispensing with CCTV (other than as a deterrent), upgrading of the current system, and enhancing an upgraded system provide front door monitoring. Information had been supplied by Security Wise – the current provider.

Councillors considered that it was necessary to retain the CCTV surveillance both for personal safety and insurance cover. For the system to be effective upgrading is required. Front door monitoring was considered to be unnecessary. It was therefore: -

Resolved - that the CCTV system at Jubilee House be upgraded as per the recommendations made by Security Wise to include new recording equipment, monitor and new colour cameras at a cost of £2,611.00

60.2 Review of Room Hire Charges at Jubilee House

The Services Officer had supplied information on current hire charges at Jubilee House, which had remained unchanged for two years. It was proposed to increase all rates and to introduce a further charge to cover set up and preparation times for private functions.

Councillors considered that a small increase in rent would be appropriate and: -

Resolved – that hire charges for both rooms should increase by 50p per hour, for both voluntary groups and agencies. An additional charge of £5.00 per hour would be included on the private rate, to cover setting up and preparation time. All other charges and concessions to remain the same.

60.3 Review of Allotment Rental Charges

The Services Officer had further proposed that the rental charges at Sutton Hill Allotments should be increased to be in line with other

organisations and to cover running costs. Rent at the West View Allotments would remain the same until a site visit and review of plot sizes had taken place.

Resolved – that the rental charges at Sutton Hill Allotments be increased to £15.00 per annum (full rental) and £10.00 per annum (concessionary) with effect from November 2007.

Resolved – that a further increase at Sutton Hill to £21.00 per annum (full rental) and £14.00 per annum (concessionary) be levied with effect from November 2007.

F05/61 Partnerships – Business Plan Report

To develop effective working partnerships with other agencies and organisations to ensure a co-ordinated approach toward the achievement of common goals.

To consider and evaluate more major projects requiring funding.

The Clerk presented the Business Plan report for (Appendix A) Councillors information. Noted.

F05/62 Correspondence

Invitation to attend the NALC Conference, 1st & 2nd June 2006.

Resolved – that Madeley Parish Council be represented by the Chair at a cost of £280.00

F05/63 Information

There was none.

F05/64 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 10th July 2006, commencing at 6.30. Councillors M Swift and P Taylor submitted apologies in advance, they will be on holiday and unable to attend.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed Dated.....
(Chair)