

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** held on Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.00pm at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Councillors: Cllr T Cordery, Cllr P Hanson Graham, Cllr Mrs C A Lugg, Cllr Mrs A Miller, Cllr Mrs J Robinson and Cllr H Worth

Officers: Tina Dudley – Acting Town Clerk. Trudy Sollazzo – Acting Responsible Finance Officer

327 Election of Chairman

Cllr T Cordery was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Lugg; SECONDED by Cllr Worth and -

Resolved that Councillor Cllr T Cordery be elected Chairman.

328 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr P Hanson Graham was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs Lugg; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Miller and –

Resolved that Councillor P Hanson Graham be elected Vice Chairman.

329 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Flay due to work commitments.

330 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

331 Public Participation

No members of the public attended for this item.

332 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2019 were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr P Hanson Graham; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs Robinson and –

Resolved that the minutes of the 23 September 2019 accepted as a true record.

333 2019/20 Accounts – Schedule of payments 1/9/219- 31/12/19

Members raised a number of questions regarding the schedule of payments.

Resolved that the Schedule of Payments be noted.

334 2019/20 Accounts – Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation as at 31 October 2019 be noted.

335 Budget Comparison Report 1/9/19-7/1/20

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs C Lugg; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs J Robinson and -

Resolved that the budget comparison report be approved.

336 Service Level Agreement – Citizens Advice

Members considered the proposed sum requested by the Citizens Advice Bureau and acknowledged the important and specialist work that they did for the benefit of local residents.

It was agreed that a new Service Level Agreement for the sum of £8,500.00 would be approved providing that the Bureau continued to support and provide the service at the Heatherlands Centre.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mrs C Lugg; SECONDED by Cllr H Worth and – (voting:- 5 for, 1 abstention) carried

Resolved that a 3-year Service Level Agreement for the sum of £8,500.00 be paid each year for a period of 3 years providing that the Citizens Advice Bureau continued to provide a service at the Heatherlands Centre Tricketts Cross, Ferndown for one day per week.

337 PRIVATE SESSION

Members resolved to consider the budget in private session, Standing Order 3x was suspended.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr T Cordery; SECONDED by Cllr Mrs J Robinson and – unanimous

Resolved that meeting continues in private session.

338 Draft Budget 2019/2020

It was agreed that the followings changes be made to the proposed budget:

201/4 Waste disposal £4,000.00 be increased to £5,000.00;

230/2 Parish Poll £20,000.00 be removed;

202/12 The Chairman agreed to review the tree inspection requirements to ascertain future requirements and that he would report his findings to full Council in order to approve the budget of £500.00 or to remove this sum from the budget.

240/3 Community Halls, Voluntary org and charitable org be increased to £6,000.00;

204/4 SLA Citizens Advice Bureau be increased to £8,500.00 providing the provision stated in minute 336 be met;

204/12 World War 1 Commemorations be changed to VE Day and the sum of £250.00 be allocated.

213 Natural Environment Budget to be approved by Council;

222/1 Postage be reduced to £1,000.00

222/2 Stationary be reduced to £1,000.00

Members disagreed with the Members allowances budget for 2020/21 it was agreed that this item would be considered by Council.

Cllr Mrs C Lugg raised concerns at the inappropriate terminology used by Cllr Hanson Graham whilst reviewing the budget.

339 Asset Register

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and General purposes Committee.

340 KGV Project Group Minutes

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and General purposes Committee.

341 Grant Applications

- a) Dorset Blind
- b) Arthritis Care
- c) Ferndown Phoenix Musical Society
- d) Brendon Care

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and General purposes Committee.

342 Correspondence

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Finance and General purposes Committee.

343 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is scheduled to be held on 2 March 2020 at The Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

Chairman