

Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES:

of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held in The Council Chamber, The Passmore Edwards Building, The Cross, Cross Street, Camborne, TR14 8HA on Thursday 22nd June 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor J Cosgrove	Chairman
Councillor L McDonald	Vice Chairman
Councillor J Ball	
Councillor V Dalley	
Councillor C Lawrence	
Councillor P Mills	
Councillor M Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk and Sally Williams, Committee Support Officer.

FG.4142 MEETING PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the meeting procedures to all present.

FG.4143 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

Councillor Cosgrove was nominated for the post of Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

FG.4143.2 RESOLVED: that nominations were received and that Councillor Cosgrove was elected as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/2024

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4144 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

FG.4144.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors Congdon and Fox for non-attendance of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 22nd June 2023 were received

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4145 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING THE DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDING ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25

Councillor C Lawrence declared an interest in Agenda Item 11ii.

FG.4146 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

FG.4147 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Councillors for voting for him to remain as Chairman of the committee.

FG.4148 TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/2024

Councillor McDonald was nominated for the post of Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

FG.4148.2 RESOLVED: that nominations were received and that Councillor McDonald was elected as Vice Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/2024

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4149 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH APRIL 2023

FG.4149.2

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 27th April 2023, were received, approved, and signed by the Chairman

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously by those entitled to vote.

FG.4150

MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

FG.4151

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBJECT TO STANDING ORDER 3E MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PERMITTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, ANSWER QUESTIONS AND GIVE EVIDENCE IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEM OF BUSINESS INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN MINUTES)

There were no members of the public present.

FG.4152

TO RECEIVE THE RFO GRANT SUMMARY, CHECKLISTS, AND GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM:

- I) CAMBORNE REGENERATION YOUTH FORUM (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE)**
- II) CENTENARY DRAMA GROUP (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE)**
- III) PLAYERS IN TROON (GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE)**

AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

Councillors discussed the application from Camborne Regeneration Youth Forum. Whilst Councillors felt that the Youth Conference was a good day that encouraged young people to have their say they did not feel that it was appropriate to cover the entire grant and they voted accordingly.

FG.4152.2

RESOLVED: that a grant of £500 be awarded to Camborne Regeneration Youth Forum, under the General Power of Competence was approved; and the associated expenditure from the Community Grants and Donations Budget (code 160/4930), was authorised

Proposed by Councillor M Williams
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Councillor C Lawrence left the room at 18.39 while the next agenda item was discussed.

Councillors discussed the application from Centenary Drama Group. The consensus was that the sum applied for was not consistent with the number of children from Camborne who were likely to benefit and that the sum requested was more than would normally be given in a grant. Councillors then voted accordingly.

FG.4152.3 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £700 be awarded to Centenary Drama Group, under the General Power of Competence was approved; and the associated expenditure from the Community Grants and Donations Budget (code 160/4930), was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor M Williams
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved by a majority.

Councillor C Lawrence re-entered the room at 18.48.

Councillors then discussed the application from Players in Troon and voted accordingly.

FG.4152.4 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £312.16 be awarded to Players in Troon, under the General Power of Competence was approved; and the associated expenditure from the Community Grants and Donations Budget (code 160/4930), was authorised**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4153 **TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES, MADE DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6**

A Councillor requested that at future meetings Councillors be provided with an up-to-date position regarding funding for the large projects. The Clerk explained that the larger amounts were linked to the Town Deal funding so were separate from Camborne Town Council funds. She explained that those expenses were not coming from the Council's earmarked reserves or revenue but that she would explore whether this extra work could be incorporated for future meetings.

FG.4153.2 **RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices, made during the whole month of April 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 were approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4154 TO APPROVE REGULAR PAYMENTS, MADE DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF APRIL 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2

FG.4154.2 RESOLVED: that regular payments made during the whole month of April 2023, under Financial Regulations 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 and 7.2 were approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4155 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES, MADE DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6

FG.4155.2 RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices, made during the month of May 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4156 TO APPROVE REGULAR PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2

FG.4156.2 RESOLVED: that regular payments made during the month of May 2023, under Financial Regulations 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 and 7.2 were approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4157 TO RECEIVE THE COUNCILLOR INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY AND AGREE ACTION

The Clerk explained that any actions that had been noted by the Internal Auditors had been completed prior to the meeting.

FG.4157.2 RESOLVED: that the internal audits for the months of April and May were received and approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor M Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4158 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL

REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6, UP TO DATE SCHEDULE TO BE TABLED AT THE MEETING

FG.4158.2 **RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices received for the month of June 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 were approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4159 **TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023 MADE UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATION 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2**

FG.4159.2 **RESOLVED: that payments for the month of June 2023 made under Financial Regulation 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 and 7.2 were approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4160 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF EXPENDITURE DELEGATED TO THE TOWN CLERK FROM THE DATE OF THE APRIL MEETING AND UP TO THE DATE OF THIS MEETING FOR APPROVAL**

FG.4160.2 **RESOLVED: that a report of expenditure delegated to the Town Clerk from the date of the April meeting and up to the date of this meeting was received and approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4161 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK CASH AND INVESTMENT RECONCILIATION, EARMARKED RESERVES REPORT AND DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET HEADING REPORT UP TO THE END OF APRIL 2023**

FG.4161.2 **RESOLVED: that the Bank Cash and Investment Reconciliation, Earmarked Reserves Report, and Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading Report, up to the end of April 2023, were received and approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4162 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK CASH AND INVESTMENT RECONCILIATION, EARMARKED RESERVES REPORT AND DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET HEADING REPORT UP TO THE END OF MAY 2023**

Councillors discussed some of the higher amounts and commented upon the electricity costs in particular. The Clerk explained that the costs were high but that the amounts were being queried with the company and that Councillors would be kept informed. The larger amounts for the Basset Centre were coming from earmarked reserves to keep the building going until renovations began. This had been voted on and agreed by Councillors previously.

FG.4162.2 RESOLVED: that the Bank Cash and Investment Reconciliation, Earmarked Reserves Report and Detailed Income & Expenditure by budget Heading Report, up to the end of May 2023, were received and approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4163 TO RECEIVE A CCLA REVISED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NOTIFICATION

FG.4163.2 RESOLVED: that a CCLA revised standard operating procedure notification was received

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4164 THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

FG.4164.2 RESOLVED: that under the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, the press and public were excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4165 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER REGARDING A POTENTIAL SAVINGS DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FOR THE COUNCIL, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

It was explained that following extensive research by the Responsible Finance Officer it had proved to be impossible to open a second Current Account with a High Street Bank. The option proposed in the report would allow the Council to earn interest on the amount transferred and this could provide a balance to cover any unforeseen circumstances. Councillors agreed that the money needed to be protected for the community but that the potential

for a second current account should continue to be investigated as well.

FG.4165.2

RESOLVED: that a report from the Responsible Finance Officer was received, that a Unity Trust Savings Account (12 Month Deposit), with an initial deposit of £500k (Five Hundred Thousand Pounds) be opened, was authorised, and that the current levels of EMRs are maintained with the monies transferred from the current operational surplus (General Fund) was approved. That the opening of a second current account continued to be investigated was approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove

Seconded by Councillor P Mills

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:17 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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