

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 28th September 2023 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor J Cosgrove	Chairman
Councillor L McDonald	Vice Chairman
Councillor J Ball	
Councillor R Congdon	
Councillor V Dalley	
Councillor C Lawrence	
Councillor M Williams	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Hughes, Town Clerk; Melanie Negus, Administrative Support Officer; and five members of the public.

FG.4166 MEETING PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the meeting procedures to all present.

FG.4167 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

FG.4167.2 RESOLVED: that the apologies from Councillors Fox and Mills for non-attendance of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 28th September 2023 were received

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4168 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 Dalley declared an interest in Agenda Item 9iii, as she was a trustee of the Community Centre where Citizens Advice rented office space.

Councillor Williams informed members that she was not connected with HMA Communities (agenda item 9vi), so had no interest to declare.

FG.4169 TO APPROVE WRITTEN REQUEST(S) FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensation requests.

FG.4170 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman stated that while there was a lot of paperwork for this meeting, he was confident that all Councillors had read it all in preparation, so the meeting shouldn't be unduly long.

FG.4171 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2023

FG.4171.2 RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 22nd June 2023 with a small typo amendment in FG.4043, 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.4172 MATTERS ARISING, FOR INFORMATION ONLY, WHERE NOT INCLUDED BELOW

There were no matters arising.

FG.4173 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)

A representative of Troon AFC spoke in support of their grant application, he informed members that the club had 350-400 members at the Club ranging from 4 to 82 years old; girls and women's teams; walking football teams and disability teams. They had a new Clubhouse and were now looking to address the outside space, to provide a secure storage compound, fencing and works to the car park.

A representative of Citizen Advice Cornwall spoke in support of their grant application. She informed members that in 2022-2023 they had supported 515 people in Camborne with 2,643 issues, gained £413,155 income for them and got £151,429 of debts written off.

A representative of Create CIC spoke in support of their grant application. She informed members of a Streetdraw24 Community Drawing Event to raise funds for St Petrocs. They needed funding to provide exhibition Boards to display the drawings to be auctioned. The Boards would also be used for other future exhibitions.

FG.4174

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

- i) Troon AFC (General Power of Competence)**
- ii) Create CIC (General Power of Competence)**
- iii) Citizens Advice Cornwall (General Power of Competence)**
- iv) The Green Space (General Power of Competence)**
- v) Barripper Village Association (General Power of Competence)**
- vi) MHA Communities Cornwall (General Power of Competence)**

Agree action and authorise expenditure.

FG.4174.2

RESOLVED: that a grant of £2,000 be awarded Troon AFC, 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 V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4174.3

RESOLVED: that the grant application from Create CIC be deferred to a future meeting to obtain more financial information, was approved

Proposed by Councillor M Williams
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Having declared an interest in the next application Councillor Dalley left the room at 6.55pm.

FG.4174.4 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £3,000 be awarded to Citizens Advice Cornwall, 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 M Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Councillor Dalley re-entered the room at 6.57pm.

FG.4174.5 **RESOLVED: that a grant not be awarded to The Green Space at this time, was approved;**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

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

FG.4174.6 **RESOLVED: that a grant not be awarded to Barripper Village Association at this time, was approved;**

Proposed by Councillor J Ball
Seconded by Councillor C Lawrence

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4174.7 **RESOLVED: that a grant of £500 be awarded to MHA Communities Cornwall, 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 L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

Five members of the public left the meeting at 7.06pm.

FG.4175 **TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES, MADE DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF JUNE 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6**

FG.4175.2 **RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices, made during the whole month of June 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4. 6.5 and 6.6 was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4176 TO APPROVE REGULAR PAYMENTS, MADE DURING THE WHOLE MONTH OF JUNE 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2

FG.4176.2 RESOLVED: that regular payments made during the whole month of June 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.4177 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 JUNE 2023

FG.4177.2 RESOLVED: that the Bank Cash and Investment Reconciliation, Earmarked Reserves Report, and Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading Report, up to the end of June 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.4178 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES, MADE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6

FG.4178.2 RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices, made during the month of July 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 was approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4179 TO APPROVE REGULAR PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2

FG.4179.2 RESOLVED: that regular payments made during the month of July 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 J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4180 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 JULY 2023

FG.4180.2 RESOLVED: that the Bank Cash and Investment Reconciliation, Earmarked Reserves Report, and Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading Report, up to the end of July 2023, were received and approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor V Dalley

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4181 TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES, MADE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6

FG.4181.2 RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices, made during the month of August 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 was approved

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4182 TO APPROVE REGULAR PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2

FG.4182.2 RESOLVED: that regular payments made during the month of August 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.4183 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 AUGUST 2023

The Town Clerk informed members that the high energy costs for the Basset Centre were due to the new supplier starting the meter reading from zero readings, when there was actually a high reading on them. The amounts were currently being disputed with the supplier.

A lot of the expenses for the Basset Centre were being paid from Earmarked Reserves; this had been agreed to prevent a Precept rise.

A Cost Centre would be set up for the Basset Community Hub to allow all Town Deal funds to go through one stream, for clarity and save confusion.

FG.4183.2 **RESOLVED: that the Bank Cash and Investment Reconciliation, Earmarked Reserves Report, and Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading Report, up to the end of August 2023, 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.4184 **TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF INVOICES RECEIVED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023, UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 AND 6.6**

The Town Clerk informed members that the reason for the high cost of rates for the Basset Centre was because Cornwall Council had not sent outstanding invoices, but it was not a problem as they had been allowed for.

FG.4184.2 **RESOLVED: that the payment of invoices received for the month of September 2023, under Financial Regulations 5.4, 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 was approved**

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor L McDonald

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4185 **TO APPROVE PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023 MADE UNDER FINANCIAL REGULATION 4.1, 4.5, 5.4, 5.5, 6.2, 6.7 AND 7.2**

FG.4185.2 **RESOLVED: that payments for the month of September 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 J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4186 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF EXPENDITURE DELEGATED TO THE TOWN CLERK FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, AND UP TO THE DATE OF THIS MEETING FOR APPROVAL**

FG.4186.2 **RESOLVED: that a report of expenditure delegated to the Town Clerk for June, July, August, 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.4187 TO RECEIVE THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND FACT SHEET AND AGREE ACTION

FG.4187.2 RESOLVED: that the Public Sector Deposit Fund Fact Sheet was received

Proposed by Councillor J Cosgrove
Seconded by Councillor M Williams

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4188 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.4188.2 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 J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FG.4189 TO RECEIVE, AN INTERNAL AUDIT PROPOSAL FROM HUDSON ACCOUNTING, AGREE ACTION AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE

FG.4189.2 RESOLVED: that an Internal Audit Proposal from Hudson Accounting was received and approved, and the associated expenditure was authorised

Proposed by Councillor M Williams
Seconded by Councillor J Ball

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:25 pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.....

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