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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON 7th
SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Councillor M Williams

Councillors: L Jeffreys
L Lewis
A Wathan (Chair of Council ex officio member)

Apologies: Cllr D Wingar

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
Mr P Ley, Asst Clerk & FO

FR9/23: As above

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

FR10/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillors A Wathan and M Williams declared an interest in all BCBC matters.

FR11/23 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1st JUNE 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the Minutes.

FR12/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 1st JUNE 2023 MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Resolved: This was noted.

FR13/23 TO REVIEW THE BUDGET FOR 2023/2024

No matters to raise of concern with the budget.

Changes recommended to the budget were as follows:

Decrease:

- Members Allowances from £3,000 to £2,000
- Chair Allowance from £1,500 to nil
- Community Award from £250 to £100
- General Maintenance from £15,000 to £8,000
- Summer Activities from £6,000 to nil

Increase:

- Christmas Lighting from £12,000 to £14,750

Resolved: The information was noted. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to full council that there were no concerns regarding the budget and that changes were made to the budget lines as documented above.

FR14/23 EXTERNAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIIES

External funding opportunities were discussed to enable the 3 previously resolved

projects of the recreational area at the black path and the two footpaths in Coity at the play area and between the castle and the church, to go ahead following unsuccessful applications to the T&CC grant provision at BCBC.

Resolved: Following the discussion, it was agreed that the following recommendations would be made to full council to further amend budget lines to enable the projects to go ahead:

Decrease:

- Playpark refurbishment from £15,000 to £9,000 (amend line to state it's for the Coity play park path)

Increase:

- Black Path from £5,00 to £11,000
- Coity Field Path from £5,000 to £17,500

FR15/23 COITY WALLIA CONSERVATORS FUNDING

No discussion took place due to a lack of information.

Resolved: The committee unanimously agreed to defer a further discussion on this item to the next meeting.

FR16/23 ALLOTMENT GARDENS RENT 2024/25

Tenancies were due to be renewed and sent out to tenants. The Clerk asked if the council planned to increase the rent for the year 2024/25 as she needed to give 12 months advance notice of a change to the tenants. This was discussed. It was noted that the rent had not been increased for the current year 2023/2024.

Resolved: It was unanimously resolved to recommend to full council to increase the annual full plot rent from £42 to £44 per year in 24/25.

FR17/23 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

- Draft a Precept Budget for 2024/25
- Coity Wallia Conservators Funding (dependent on further information being received)

Resolved: To keep the agenda open for items on the next Finance Committee agenda.

FR18/23 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: A date to be set prior to the December 2023 Ordinary Meeting

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05 pm