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**WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow**

**Present:** Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Keys, Slevin, and Hamley as substitute for G Wiseman.

**Absent:** Cllr. Cornell. Apology accepted.

**Clerk:** C Loch:

**In attendance.** WTC Cllr. Monger. 1 members of the public was present.

**24/19 Election of Chairman**

Nominations having been called, Cllr. C Bishopp was unanimously elected as Chair.

**24/20 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

Cllr. Bishopp: Winslow Bowls Club

Cllr. Hamley: St Laurence PCC

**24/21 Minutes of Meetings held 5th. March 2024:**

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

**Matters Arising:**

None.

**24/22 Items deferred from previous meetings:** not elsewhere on the agenda.

**None**

**24/23 Items delegated by Council - not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.**

None.

**24/24 Winslow Centre and Sports Hub Development:**

Winslow Council representatives had met with Paul Redstone of Buckinghamshire Council on May 28<sup>th</sup> to understand the delay in having the site deregistered as educational. It was understood that the DfE had now recommended deregistration to the appropriate committee but no timetable for final approval was known.

**24/25 Property and Assets**

**Provision of EV charging in Public Hall car park.**

WTC had raised various points on the draft contract, but it was disappointing that the provider was yet to respond on the revisions.

**Community Facilities Phase II:**

Responses to the invitation to act as project manager were due in on June 6<sup>th</sup> but only one had been received at the time of the meeting. Cllrs. Bishopp and Slevin would now meet to discuss responses received and they planned to respond to any prospective contractors next week and finalise the appointment by mid-July.

**Van Replacement:**

Having established an EMR for replacement at year end, it was agreed that the Clerk should investigate options for replacement, with a preference for electric, and report back to the next meeting for further consideration.

**Street Light Columns:**

The Clerk reported that the routine six yearly safety inspection had been completed. No major problems had been found but there were a number of minor issues which would be dealt with by the contractor.

**24/26 Administration and Finance:**

**Grants:**

The Clerk reported that the PCC had received the invoice for the Clock repair. The amount of £683 would be paid to the PCC in the next payments run.

The Clerk had received a response from Lions to request the Council to give a more defined agreement in respect of underwriting any loss that they might incur for the annual

fireworks display. It was RESOLVED that WTC would therefore underwrite any loss up to a maximum of £1,000. The event would also be referred to the Events committee to make a recommendation on arrangements for future years.

Current grant requests were considered as follows for payment from the War Memorial Fund.

Guide Hut: The guides had yet to supply further information on committed funding.

EWR had generously donated a defibrillator to the community. Before any decision was made on where to site it, the Chair would speak to the secretary of the Bowls Club as to progress on their plans to install a defibrillator.

Bowls Club Changing Rooms: The Club had drawn up initial plans but until costings were available, the request for support s106 funding could not be progressed.

**NJC AWARD 2024-25:** A claim of £3,000 or 10%, (whichever was the greater) had been submitted. It was expected that it would take some time to finalise the award.

**Staff IT.** A request to provide a basic mobile phone to staff not wishing to use their personal phone for Council calls was considered. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would prepare a proposal and that Cllrs. Slevin and Bishopp be delegated to make a decision on the proposal.

#### **24/27 Outside Bodies**

##### **Public Hall Trust:**

A revised Trust Deed had been received from BDB for consideration. There were still a number of points to amend, and the steering group would respond as soon as possible.

##### **Winslow Action Group:**

The Clerk had received a request for the Committee to consider funding for a water bowser to enable a new traders' group to water hanging baskets which they planned to install on frontages along the High St. The Committee was concerned that a licence was required for such item above the highway but it was RESOLVED to approve funding of up to £694 subject to the trader's group obtaining any necessary licence.

#### **24/28 Correspondence** – Not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

#### **Items to Report: for information only.**

Next meeting            The next meeting would be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Clerks annual leave.

Meeting Closed 19.46 pm.

Signed: ..... (Chair)            at Meeting ..... (date)