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WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 10th September 2024, at 7.00pm, in the Council Chamber, 28 High Street, Winslow

Present: Cllrs. Bishopp (Chair), Keys, Slevin, and Wiseman.

Absent: None

Clerk: C Loch:

In attendance. No press or public were present.

24/29 Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

Cllr. Bishopp: Winslow Bowls Club

Cllr. Wiseman: Concert Band

24/30 Minutes of Meetings held 6th. June 2024:

RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

None.

24/31 Items deferred from previous meetings: not elsewhere on the agenda.

None

24/32 Items delegated by Council - not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

Bowls Club changing rooms.

Members were shown plans and costings submitted by the club and whether it would be appropriate to support and application for s106 funding. The cost was estimated at £175,000. The Club did not have the resources to carry out the project. The actual building would be on Council land and owned by the Council and would provide changing rooms for both club and visiting players as well as readily accessible disabled toilet facilities. The club had already raised funds to provide equipment to support less able players. The current building was of poor quality and relied on shared changing facilities. The enhanced facility would attract more visiting teams into the town and could also be used to support events held in the park as well as the pétanque.

It was RESOLVED to support the project and application for s106 funding in principle, subject to finalising the plans and costings. A draft application would then be prepared for initial discussions with the s106 team.

24/33 Winslow Centre and Sports Hub Development:

Winslow Council representatives had met with Paul Redstone of Buckinghamshire Council to receive an update on May 10th. The DFE clearance was now in place and the project was once again live. It was expected that there would be a report to Cabinet in December and there would be a further meeting with WTC in October to discuss the plans in more detail.

24/34 Property and Assets

Provision of EV charging in Public Hall car park.

The lease had now been agreed and signed and the project was expected to be completed in October / November.

Parking Charges.

WTC continued to discuss the new charges proposed by Buckinghamshire Council and was seeking ways to mitigate the impact on the town. It would be necessary to conduct a survey of parking usage in both Greyhound Lane and the Public Hall car parks and it was RESOLVED that Cllr. Slevin be delegated to investigate how this could best be done.

Community Facilities Phase II:

There would be a further meeting with the Sports Club to progress the project on Sept. 11th.

Van Replacement:

The Clerk had done an initial review of options for replacing the existing van and would continue to progress the matter for consideration at a future meeting.

24/35 Administration and Finance:

Grants:

Members considered and approved grants as follows:

Bowls Club: A War Memorial grant of up to £1,500 to support preliminary costs for the changing rooms. Cllrs. Wiseman and Keys were delegated to

Concert Band: A War Memorial grant of £3,400 to provide new uniforms.

PCC Sound and Lighting system: Agreed in principle to support this project is shown that there was significant public benefit and funding from two other sources.

NJC AWARD 2024-25: The 2024-25 claim had not yet been finalised.

Staff IT. Members considered a request to provide a mobile phone to the Deputy Clerk for Council use. It was Resolved to provide a basic phone and tariff but would consider a more enhanced provision if an acceptable written case was made to the Committee for consideration at the next meeting.

24/36 Outside Bodies

Public Hall Trust:

A further revised Trust Deed had been received from BDB for consideration. There were still a number of points to amend and would be discussed with the Trustees.

As a result of the refurbishment

Estates Assistant.

It had not proved possible to recruit for this position but The grounds contractor has been able to provide cover for the work at a similar cost. It was RESOLVED to continue with this arrangement while it continued to prove satisfactory and would be reviewed after the winter period when much of the off season estates work was done. .

Web Site:

Members considered a proposal to install the Parish and Town Council App being offered by Cuttlefish at a cost of £225 per annum. It was RESOLVED to purchase the App as it would make the site more accessible from mobile phones.

Management Accounts:

The Clerk reported on the period 5 management accounts and circulated copies of a revised format which was yet to be completed. A more final version would be circulated after the meeting. There were potentially a number of over and underspends in the year but no overall variation from precept. The cost of the election at £6,391 was noted as an unbudgeted item.

24/37 Correspondence – Not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

Items to Report: for information only.

Next meeting The next meeting would be held on November 26th.

Meeting Closed 19.37 pm.

Signed: (Chair) at Meeting (date)