

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee held on 4th September 2023 in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea at 7 pm

Present: Councillors P Clayton, M Facey, R Keen, A Matthews, S Perry, C Searing, B Vickers

In attendance: K Noble (Town Clerk) and eleven members of the public

Public Participation

Two representatives from Zone Youth Club spoke in relation to their grant application and gave an overview of the service they provide.

A representative from the King Alfred Boxing Club gave some background information relating to their grant application.

Two representatives from The Waffle Hub provided information about the charity and how any grant money would be spent.

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Councillor Matthews chaired the meeting.

65.0.F23 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Baker and Gudka.

66.0.F23 To receive any declarations of interest on items included on this agenda

Councillor Keen declared an interest in the grant applications for the Highbridge Community Hall Trust and the King Alfred Boxing Club.

Councillor Clayton declared an interest in the Burnham Pantomime Society.

67.0.F23 To receive and approve the minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on 17th July 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee, held on 17th July 2023, were presented by the Chairman.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

68.0.F23 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising.

69.0.F23 To receive for information minutes of sub-committees

No meetings had taken place.

Signed by chair.....

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70.0.F23 Chairman's report

There was no report.

71.0.F23 To receive the list of payments up to 25th August 2023

The list of payments attached to these minutes were noted and no queries were raised.

72.0.F23 To note the income and expenditure and earmarked reserves reports up to 31st July 2023

Some queries were raised regarding the earmarked reserves. The Clerk was asked to provide a breakdown on the Highbridge CIL and the Highbridge Regeneration monies and the spending time constraints.

A query was raised whether the remaining monies in the Coronation EMR should be moved into general reserves. The Clerk confirmed movements into general reserves will take place at the end of the financial year.

An update on the legacy clock was requested, it was confirmed that details are available in the Town Improvement Committee minutes.

73.0.F23 To approve the bank reconciliation for July 2023

Resolved the bank reconciliation was approved and signed by the Chairman.

74.0.F23 To ratify the expenditure for the valuations of The Old Courthouse and the former SS&L building

The Chairman explained that following quotations received and in consultation with committee members, the valuations were undertaken to prevent any further delays.

Resolved The Committee approves the expenditure of £1,000 + VAT for the valuations of the two properties.

75.0.F23 To consider the following grant applications

The Chairman confirm that £19,800 was available in the grant budget. Representatives from the organisations were given the opportunity to respond to any queries raised.

75.1.F23 Burnham on Sea and Highbridge Air Cadets - £486

Resolved that the request for £486 towards IT equipment is approved.

75.2.F23 BEES - £1,000

Resolved that the grant request for £1,000 towards equipment, materials and room hire for the musical theatre group was approved.



75.3.F23 Burnham and District Pantomime Society - £2,500

(Councillor Clayton left the meeting whilst this application was considered)

Resolved that the grant request for £2,500 towards the installation and hire of sound and lighting equipment for the 2024 production of Mother Goose was approved.

(Councillor Clayton re-joined the meeting)

75.4.F23 Burnham Heritage Group - £1,220

Resolved that the grant request for £1,220 for reprinting of leaflets was approved.

75.5.F23 Burnham on Sea and Highbridge Sea Cadets - £400

Resolved the request for £400 for the purchase of equipment for paddle boards was approved.

The RFO was asked to clarify the closing balance, as details provided in the paperwork was incorrect.

75.6.F23 Highbridge Community Hall Trust - £1,350

(Councillor Keen left the meeting at this juncture)

Resolved that the grant request for £1,350 for maintenance works at the Hall was approved.

75.7.F23 King Alfred Amateur Boxing Club - £500

Resolved that the grant request for £500 to help subsidise fees and the purchase of tracksuits etc for families with financial constraints was approved.

(Councillor Keen re-joined the meeting at this juncture)

75.8.F23 Monarchs Gymnastics Club - £2,500

Resolved that £2,000 be awarded towards the travel costs to Germany for a competition.

75.9.F23 Somerset Youth Theatre CIC - £2,500

Resolved that the grant request for £2,500 to be able to provide opportunities in theatre and arts for children and young adults.

75.10.F23 The Waffle Hub - £2,500

Resolved that the request for £2,500 towards the purchase of IT equipment is approved was approved.

75.11.F23 The Zone Youth Club - £5,000

Resolved that £2,500 is awarded towards continuing to provide and expand on activities available for children.



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75.12.F23 Pride on Sea - £2,500

Councillor Keen proposed that the grant be awarded, subject to other funding being obtained. This was not seconded.

Resolved that the request of £2,500 towards the inclusive Pride event in 2024 was approved.

(Eight members of the public left the meeting at this juncture)

76.0.F23 To note trees update report

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the circulated report. No issues were raised.

77.0.F23 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 16th October 2023 at 7 pm.

Signed by chair.....

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