

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 05 March 2024 at 7.15pm
held in the Councill Chamber of The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: R Bird, T Wallace, N Mees, F Purdue-Horan, A Shelton, E Georgiou and N Jejna

Officer: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor M Stockwood. Councillor A Shelton was noted as a substitute member.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors F Purdue-Horan and A Shelton declared a non pecuniary interest in the Twinning Association at item 9d as members of the association. Councillor F Purdue-Horan declared an interest in item 15b and abstained from that item.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of 12 December 2023, Folio 10132 to 10133 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. **OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS**

The committee the update.

5. **ACCOUNTS PAID REPORT TO 31 JANUARY 2024**

RECOMMEND: that the accounts paid report of £28,683.79 be approved.

6. **BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

RECOMMEND: approval of the reconciliation reports to 31 December 2023 and 31 January 2024

7. **BUDGET TO ACTUALS TO 31 JANUARY 2024**

The budgets were reviewed and code 37 was noted as requiring overspend due to outsourcing costs and play area repairs. It was agreed to

RECOMMEND: an overspend on code 37 for play area and open space maintenance be approved.

8. **THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN**

The updated three year reserves plan was noted.

9. **GRANT AID APPLICATIONS**

(a) Bingham and Radcliffe Advice Centre

RECOMMEND: a grant of £1500 be awarded to support the costs of running the Bingham Advice Group.

(b) Bingham Musical Theatre Company

RECOMMEND: a grant of £450 be awarded to cover the costs of Chaperoning children during the groups 2024 performances.

(c) Bingham Cricket Club

RECOMMEND: a grant of £600 be awarded for the purchase of training equipment.

(d) Bingham Twinning Association

RECOMMEND: a grant of £536 be awarded for the refurbishment of a 22 tables and benches

10. **GENERAL RESERVES POLICY**

RECOMMEND: approval of the updated General Reserves Policy

11. **VEXATIOUS & UNREASONABLE CONDUCT POLICY**

RECOMMEND: approval of the Vexatious & Unreasonable Conduct Policy

12. **COUNCILS BANKING FACILITIES**

The committee is asked to reviewed current options for instant access accounts, fixed term bonds and investing with the CCLA.

The committee agreed that if £85,000 should be placed in a one year bond. The remaining available funds, which would be confirmed after year end, could be split into instant access or an investment in the CCLA. It was agreed that the offer of a presentation from the CCLA should be accepted.

The highest one year bond available would be presented at the April meeting for confirmation and it was considered that delegated powers should be given to progress the account at the April meeting to secure the rate presented.

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The remaining investment amount would be confirmed at the April meeting for further consideration after the CCLA presentation.

RECOMMEND: that the Clerk be given delegated authority to work with the committee to progress a one year bond opening in April 2024.

13. BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY

The committee noted the update and work streams that will now be included in the three year reserves plan. Quotes for work will be presented for consideration.

14. QUOTE FOR THE OLD COURT HOUSE HEATING SYSTEM

The committee noted that it was accost saving to drain the heating system once to allow both the strainers to be cleaned and to install new thermostat.

RECOMMEND: acceptance of the quotation of £1610 plus vat to complete the work.

15. ROOM HIRE REVIEW AT THE OLD COURT HOUSE

(a) Free room hire arrangements for Bingham Food Warriors No Waste Food Shop

RECOMMEND: that free room hire for operation of the No Waste Food Shop be granted for 2 years from April 2024.

(b) Room request from the Local Area Co-ordinator

RECOMMEND: that ad-hoc room use be granted to support the local area co-ordinator subject to room and staffing availability.

(c) Use of rooms including review of the 2023/24 free room rentals
The committee noted the room hire report and increase in use.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair confirmed that a resident had approached him about there being no play area equipment off the Meadowsweet Area for residents.

The meeting closed at: 8:34pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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- A grant of £450 be awarded to cover the costs of Chaperoning children during the groups 2024 performances to Bingham Musical Theatre Company.
- A grant of £600 be awarded for the purchase of training equipment to Bingham Cricket Club.
- A grant of £536 be awarded for the refurbishment of 22 tables and benches to Bingham Twinning Association
- Approval of the updated General Reserves Policy
- Approval of the Vexatious & Unreasonable Conduct Policy
- The Clerk be given delegated authority to work with the committee to progress a one year bond opening in April 2024.
- Acceptance of the quotation of £1610 plus vat to complete the work to the Old Court House Heating System
- Free room hire for operation of the No Waste Food Shop be granted to Bingham Food Warriors for 2 years from April 2024.
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