



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Town Council

Finance Committee held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 6:30pm Held at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson (Chair of the Finance Committee) & Cllr John Smith

Mr Comiskey Dawson - Town Clerk.
Cllr Julie Smith & Cllr Sam Milward
One member of the public.

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

22/22/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Nisa & Sullivan.

22/22/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss or discuss and vote on a matter in which a member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

22/22/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

None.

22/22/4 Recommendations for expenditure:

a) To retrospectively approve the following items:

None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:

The finance committee received a recommendation to purchase 50 Remembrance Tommy Lamp Post Signs to be displayed in Handforth along with the existing lamp post poppies. For £211.99 plus VAT.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the purchase as above.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/5 To receive a copy of the latest bank reconciliation month ends September 2022.

A copy of the bank reconciliation for month ends September 2022 was circulated to all councillors.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the bank reconciliation.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/6 To review the YTD budget summary for 22/23.

The YTD budget summary for 22/23 was circulated to all councillors.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the YTD budget summary for 22/23.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/7 To approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q2 2022/23.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve the quarterly income and expenditure accounts for Q2 2022/23.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/8 Report from relevant councillor regarding Internal Controls for Quarter 2 2022/23.

Cllr Moore confirmed that she had undertaken the Internal Control check for Quarter 2 2022/23 and noted that all invoices were correct and petty cash balanced.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve this.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/9 To review and make recommendation to full council regarding the budget proposal for financial year 23-24.

Cllr Moore requested that the salary headings be laid out differently and will work with the clerk to determine a new layout.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to recommend approval to full council regarding the budget proposal for financial year 23-24.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/22/10 To review and make recommendation to full council in respect of setting the precept for financial year 23-24.

Cllr John Smith noted that the Town Council will be increasing in seats in 23/24 and noted that additional housing will be added to Handforth through boundary change and natural development. He also noted that the Town Council were increasingly providing more devolved local services.

Cllr Samson proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to recommend to full council that the precept be set at £110,000.00 for financial year 23-24.

Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 6:56pm

Cllr Cynthia Samson
(Chair of the Finance Committee)
11th October 2022