Minutes of a meeting of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee of Bingham Town Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2023 at 7.15pm held in the Councill Chamber of The Old Court House, Church Street, Bingham

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Shelton, R Bird, T Birch, G Williams, F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood and T Wallace

Officer: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 3 Including Councillor N Mees and W Stapleton

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were present.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of 31 December 2022, Folio 9983 to 9986 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. OUTSTANDING DECISIONS AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS

The update was noted.

5. ACCOUNTS PAID REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

RECOMMEND: that the accounts paid reports of £119,128.59 be approved.

6. BANK RECONCILIATION

RECOMMEND: approval the Reconciliation Reports to 31 October 2022, 30 November 2022 and 31 December 2022.

7. BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

The report was noted.

8. REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BINGHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS 2023

The committee received an update that Bingham Community Events planned to deliver a programme of events in 2023 and in addition to those held in 2022, an outdoor theatre was being considered and celebrations for the Kings Coronation. A request for budget support was received.

RECOMMEND: that £7500 be awarded to Bingham Community Events to support the programme of 2023 Events.

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9. DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

The committee considered alterations to include moving the election costs into the reserves plan, award to Bingham Community Events in the other promotions budget, removal of branded clothing budget and increase in amount to Reserves.

RECOMMEND: the draft budget be accepted with the alterations noted.

10. THREE YEAR RESERVES PLAN

The committee reviewed the three-year reserves plan and timescales for delivering planned projects. Alterations were made to allocated years and election costs were added to the plan.

RECOMMEND: approval of the three-year reserves plan.

11. INTERNAL AUDITOR

RECOMMEND: that CA Plus be appointed as the internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2023.

12. DIRECT DEBITS AND STANDING ORDERS

The committee noted the update and asked that a review of a few contracts a year be planned to check for best value with contractors/services.

13. **GRANT AID**

RECOMMEND: that up to £1000 be awarded to Positive Futures in support of the art project under the Tithby Road bridge.

14. ROOM HIRE FOR BUSINESS SURGERY

RECOMMEND: that free room be offered for a Bingham Business Surgery to take place delivered by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

15. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

"That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw"

The following matters were discussed:

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• To approve the confidential notes from 01 November 2022

The notes were approved as an accurate record.

2023/2024 Staff Budgets
 The budget information was noted.

The meeting closed at: 9:44pm

	CHAIRMAN
Date:	

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The accounts paid report of £119,128.59 be approved.
- Approval of the Reconciliation Report to 31 October, 30 November and 31 December 2022.
- The budget to actuals report was accepted
- £7500 be awarded to Bingham Community Events to support the programme of 2023 Events.
- The draft budget be accepted.
- Approval of the three-year reserves plan.
- CA Plus be appointed as the internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2023.
- Up to £1000 be awarded to Positive Futures in support of the art project under the Tithby Road bridge.
- Free room be offered for a Bingham Business Surgery to take place delivered by Rushcliffe Borough Council.