

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee of Bingham Town Council
held on Tuesday 07 March 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, W Stapleton and T Wallace

Officer: J Riddle (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Cllr J Stockwood. Councillor W Stapleton was noted as a named substitute.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of 10 January 2023, Folio 10006 to 10008 were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

The amount of completed tasks was noted and those outstanding would carry forward to the next meeting.

5. **ACCOUNTS PAID REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

RECOMMEND: that the accounts paid reports of £57,845.58 be approved.

6. **BANK RECONCILIATION**

RECOMMEND: approval the Reconciliation Reports to 31 January 2023 and 28 February 2023.

7. **BUDGET TO ACTUALS REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023**

The report was noted.

8. **GRANT AID REQUEST**

The committee considered a grant aid request from the Radcliffe and Bingham Advice Centre. The committee agreed to:

RECOMMEND: that a grant of £1000 be awarded to the Radcliffe and Bingham Advice Centre.

9. **QUOTATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME**

The committee considered the options for the Christmas Lighting scheme and it was agreed that the current scheme was well received and a continuation of the scheme with new lights to limit the risk of lighting failures was the preferred option.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.33pm and were re-instated at 7.34pm to allow a member of the public to make comment.

RECOMMEND: to accept the quotation for £8895 per year for a three year contract with Gala Lights with the acceptance of the overspend on the budget. The Clerk was given delegated authority to progress the options for the co-op tree and Christmas Tree in consultation with Councillors.

10. **GENERAL RESERVES POLICY**

RECOMMEND: approval of the updated general reserves policy.

11. **OLD COURT HOUSE BUILDING SURVEY**

The Building survey was noted by the committee and the clerk would progress with quotations and a timeline for work.

RECOMMEND: that the projected costs be included on the three-year reserves plan.

12. **BINGHAM FOOD WARRIORS ROOM HIRE**

The committee also re-considered the 1 year free room rental at the Old Court House to Bingham Food Warriors granted to 20 April 2023. The committee agree to:

RECOMMEND: that a further year's free room rental be granted to Bingham Food Warriors at the Old Court House until 20 April 2024.

13. **TREE SURVEY WORKS**

RECOMMEND: acceptance of the quote for £2905 plus vat to complete the remaining tree work and the acceptance of an overspend on the tree and shrubbery maintenance budget.

14. **COMMUNITY SPEED INITIATIVE**

The committee noted that the Community, Recreation and Amenities Committee would give consideration to how to set up the scheme. The budget for the project was considered and it was agreed to:

RECOMMEND: that the Council proceed with the Community Speed Initiative at an approximate cost of £442.

15. **CORONATION PARISH GRANT**

The committee noted the availability of the grant.

16. **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:

- To approve the confidential notes from 10 January 2023

The notes were approved as an accurate record.

- Staff Matters

The update was noted.

The meeting closed at: 8:15pm

.....CHAIRMAN

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The accounts paid report of £57,845.58 be approved.
- Approval of the Reconciliation Report to 31 January 2023 and 28 February 2023
- The budget to actuals report was noted
- £7500 be awarded to Bingham Community Events to support the programme of 2023 Events.
- Approval of the updated general reserves policy.
- Acceptance of the quotation for £8895 per year for a three year contract with Gala Lights
- The building survey projected costs be included on the three-year reserves plan.
- A further year's free room rental be granted to Bingham Food Warriors at the Old Court House until 20 April 2024.
- Acceptance of the quote for £2905 plus vat to complete the remaining tree work and the acceptance of an overspend on the tree and shrubbery maintenance budget.
- The Council proceed with the Community Speed Initiative at an approximate cost of £442.