

A meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE of Arlesey Town Council held in Arlesey Village Hall, on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Wenham I Dalgarno
S Spoor S Hamilton
P Arkle D Shelvey
N Stevenson T Pang (arrived 22-3/042)
R Delaney

In attendance: Mrs Janet Bailey (Town Clerk) Mrs Christine Winwood (Assistant Clerk) and no members of the public were present.

22-3/033 Apologies for Absence – Local Government Act 1972 sch12 para 40
No apologies had been received.

22-3/034 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations Localism Act 2011 s30(1)
(Members of the Council are invited to disclose any personal interest or personal and pecuniary interests they may have in any items on the agenda for this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members)

034.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

Agenda item 22-3/046 Cllr Dalgarno Reason: Member of Traffic Management Committee

034.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. Localism Act 2011 s31

None received.

034.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. A request for dispensation must be made on an individual basis. Localism Act 2011 s33

None received.

22-3/035 Public Participation- Standing Orders will be suspended at this point and re-instated before proceeding to the next agenda item -. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1

22-3/036 Minutes of Meeting held 6th December 2022 LGA 1972 sch.12 para 41(1) and (2)

To consider and approve the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6th December 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6th December 2022 be approved and be signed by the Chairman as a true recording of proceedings.

22-3/037 Interim Balance Sheet as of 28th February 2023- For Information Only – To review Interim Balance Sheet as at 28th February 2023 (month 11).

Reviewed and noted Central Bedfordshire Council creditor for roof dispute constituted £89,346.08 of the outstanding debt.

22-3/038 Finance Review year to date – Members to review income and expenditure figures 2022/23 and approve any virements required for budget over/under spends prior to end of financial year. in accordance with Standing Orders 4.2

Reviewed and noted overspend on grass cutting budget raised with members as required by Financial Regulations and offsets against reduction in salaries as no longer part of Groundman's job description.

21-3/039 Ear Marked Reserves Review – Members to review interim ear marked reserves as at 28th February 2023.

Reviewed and noted, no questions raised.

22-3/040 Transfers from/to Ear Marked Reserves – Members to note and approve transfers carried out in accordance with resolution to approve budget 2023/24, as indicated on Ear Marked Reserves Forecast and Review provided during budget setting process.

Recommendation that Council approve the transfers carried out as outlined during budget setting process 2023/24.

22-3/041 Bank Reconciliations – Members received current bank balances and noted bank reconciliations to date had been undertaken monthly by RFO and verified by Cllr signatory.

Received and noted.

22-3/042 Defibrillators – Members to consider funding, quotations and potential site for additional defibrillator in Arlesey.

Recommendation that further exploration and discussions take place between St Peters Church, Pharmacy, and local businesses to explore opportunity for placement of defibrillators and further research conducted into funding opportunities.

22-3/043 RoSPA Report Repairs – Members received quarterly update on repairs carried out in response to RoSPA report 2023.

Repairs to date noted, no remaining works pose high risk whilst awaited.

22-3/044 2023/24 Year End Closedown – Members to consider quotations for third party closedown of 2023/24 accounts.

Recommendation that council approve the quotation received from Paul Burdick to conduct year end closedown of accounts to maintain additional risk management and internal control to process in the sum of £440.00.

22-3/045 IT support – Members receive fee increase information for existing support.

Recommendation that council approve the quotation received from Puzzle Technology to continue to provide all elements of IT support, changing from month-by-month subscriptions to annual where applicable to reduce impact of fee increases.

22-3/046 Central Bedfordshire Council A00351 Arlesey Relief Road – Members to note consultation on speed limits and waiting restrictions on surrounding roads and consider Council response.

RESOLVED that council support proposal as laid out.

22-3/047 Public Participation on Items Arising from this Meeting- *Standing Orders will be suspended at this point and re-instated before proceeding to the next agenda item.* Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1

There was no public participation.

Meeting Closed.....7.25pm

Chairman.....

Date.....