

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH DECEMBER 2019 IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. R.Lewin (Chair), Davies, Hill, Josephson, McNally, Moore, Royall & Williams

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Wogan

NOT PRESENT: Cllr. T Lewin

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk and Asst. Clerk.

369/19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

370/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr. Wogan due to a prior commitment.

371/19 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
None			

372/19 DEFERRED ITEMS

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the following items be deferred until the next meeting:

- Records of meeting of 1st October 2019.
- Clarification of (non-confidential) actions from the last meeting.
- Updates on progress (matters not requiring a decision).
- To consider the current financial report, list of payments and bank reconciliation.

This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

373/19 TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM ST PETER & ST JAMES HOSPICE

Cllr. Hill proposed that a grant of £ 250 be given. This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

Cllr. Moore joined the meeting at 7.40.

374/19 TO CONSIDER A RENEWED REQUEST FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST

Cllr. Williams proposed that we continue to give a grant of £ 2000 and review next year.

Cllr. Josephson counter-proposed that a grant be given of £ 2,500 and reviewed next year. This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and AGREED.

375/19 TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE ISSUE OF BORROWING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

There was a lengthy discussion on this subject.

Cllr. Williams proposed that £2,500 be put in the budget to enable a consultation to take place. This was seconded by Cllr. Josephson and AGREED.

Cllr. R Lewin proposed that the Committee agree in principle to the proposal of borrowing to purchase the former household waste site, subject to demonstration of an acceptable business plan and risk assessment. This was seconded by Cllr. McNally and AGREED.

The Clerk would calculate the amount needed in the reserves to service the necessary borrowing.

376/19 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE A COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

The draft budget had been previously circulated.

After discussion of some detail and noting that changes to salaries had already been approved by the committee, the draft budget was proposed for adoption by Cllr. R Lewin.

This was seconded by Cllr. Williams and AGREED.

377/19 CORRESPONDENCE

An item of correspondence regarding the non-domestic rates for the VENUe had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

378/19 ITEMS TO REFER TO COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

The Clerk advised that the Gages chef, Nik Peterson was leaving on 20th December and would be replaced by the current kitchen assistant, Emma Jones.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.

SIGNED:..... DATE.....

(Chairman)