



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee

Council Chamber, Bollington Town Hall  
At 10.00 am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

**Those Present:** Cllr K Edwards (KE), Cllr H Ellwood (HE) (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Ken Larby (KL), Cllr Johanna Maitland (JM), Cllr A Stott (AS), Cllr A Williams (AW).

**Chair:** Cllr Amanda Stott

**Officer:** Julie Mason Town Clerk

**Declaration of Interest – NIL**

### Public forum time

Cllr D Kent and Cllr J Snowball both attended to comment on the budget setting item of which the Chair gave them permission to speak on the item as appeared on the agenda.

### FA 38/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Cllr J Stewart due to feeling unwell.

### FA 39/22 To receive and confirm the Minutes (FA 26/22- 37/22) of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**RESOLVED** the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

### FA 40/22 To receive updates from the minutes

i) Mayoral Chain

The receive and the update that the Mayoral Chain valuation did not include the engraving cost and it had been revalued at £13,500.00.

**RESOLVED** the Mayoral Chain would be insured at £13,500.00

ii) To note the Leek United no longer accepted Charities and Councils to open bank accounts.

### FA 41/22 To resolve to accept the Internal Auditors 2022/23 report carried out by Account Ant from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The Internal Auditors report had been circulated. The Clerk reported back on the report to the Committee. The main points were.

i) The Mayoral Chain must be kept in a safe at the Town Hall when not in use.

ii) There were amounts in Scribe that had not been reconciled and needed to be zeroed.

iii) The Purchase Orders needed attention and are required to be matched /reconciled with supplier invoices.

**RESOLVED** subject to the following recommendations the Internal Auditor's Report was accepted by the Committee.

The Chair wished to thank the Clerk.

**FA 42/22 To receive the budget for 2023/24 and debate the precept figure for 2023/24.**

The Clerk and the Chair had redrafted the budget for 2023/24 and it had been circulated.

Cllr KE felt it inappropriate that the Corporate Plan had not been brought to this Committee previously and debated before budget setting. He felt it was key in the process and we should use this to refine the process for future years. The Clerk was asked to bear this in mind when looking at calendar setting for the next municipal year.

Cllr KE and Cllr JM wished the monies to be reinstated for the improvements and cleaning of the Recreational Ground toilets as it was an agreed budget heading in 2022/23.

**RESOLVED** the monies of £13,600 would be removed in 2022/23 for the Recreational Toilets.

There was no decision made on the £7,000 in 2023/24.

The figures were missing from the Town Hall WG which was difficult when the budget was being set.

**RESOLVED** the Facilities Committee needed to make recommendations on the lack of progress from the Town Hall Working Group.

**RESOLVED** the £20,000 for the Town Hall would be removed from Ear Marked reserves and placed under TH Repairs and Maintenance.

It was noted the insurance monies reimbursed for the Civic Hall were £1,850 not £2,500.

Cllr DK requested that the Civic Hall user charges be reviewed by the Facilities committee.

**RESOLVED** the Facilities Committee needed to make a recommendation on CHUG charges for 2023/24.

**RESOLVED** the badge monies for the Civic Awards would be removed from the budget.

**RESOLVED** the Civic Hall would have its own line for Horticulture at £1,500.00.

The Committee agree the general reserves could not be left at £68,000 into 2023/24.

**RESOLVED** the Committee recommended the precept for 2023/24 would be £250,000 which equated to £78.44 for a Band D property an increase of 15%.

**FA 43/22 To agree the transfer of monies from BLOG to cover the replacement of fire sensors at the Civic Hall at £1,516.70.**

The BLOG had approached the Clerk to ask if they donated £1,516.70 towards the fitting of new sensors would BTC facilitate the transaction.

**RESOLVED** the Committee supported the donation and the purchase of new sensors.

**FA 44/22** Date of Next Meeting: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 23rd January 2023 @ 10.00am in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 11.50 am