



Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & Audit Committee

Council Chamber, Bollington Town Hall

At 2pm Monday 17th July 2023

Those Present: Cllr G Appleton (GA), Cllr N Macartney, Cllr Johanna Maitland, Cllr J Snowball *arrived at 2.45pm*, Cllr H Ellwood (HE), Cllr J Withers (JW).

Chair - Cllr N Macartney

Officer – J Mason Town Clerk

Declaration of Interest.

Cllr JM - Bridgend Centre and the Walking Festival

Public forum time

Nobody present.

FA 27/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Nil

Cllr JS arrived at 2.45pm due to a meeting with Cheshire East Council.

FA 28/23 To receive and confirm the Minutes (FA 17/23 – 26/23) of the meeting held on 12th June 2023.

RESOLVED the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. These had been approved by Full Council.

FA 29/23 To receive updates from the minutes.

Cllr JM asked if the Clerk had joined the Grant Funding application. The Clerk had joined and there was a facility to add more than one user, at the present time the Clerk and the Town Manager were members. It was agreed that this should not be advertised until later in the year to the volunteer organisations. The Committee was conscious of the need not to avoid adding too much to the staff burden. not to take up staff time.

RESOLVED that Cllr J Maitland would be added to the My Funding Central Welcome members list on the Grant Funding application to help assist with outside bodies.

FA 30/23 To discuss the allocation of a grant to the Girl Guides in July as opposed to October to enable the trip to go ahead.

The Committee did not wish to set a precedent to consider grants before the deadline of October, but they also felt there should be mitigating

circumstances within the Grant Policy and if this grant was not awarded it seemed that this may stop the trip.

RESOLVED a grant of £300.00 would be awarded to the Girl Guides.

RESOLVED the Chair and the Town Clerk would review the grants which were regular grants and consider an appeals process and rules on any change of circumstances for grant-holders as well as the budget figure for 2024/25.

FA 31/23 To receive a recommendation for a contract with Canalside Radio for provision of public address service at BTC Events.

The Chair and the Clerk had met with Canalside Radio on 16th June to discuss the grant application policy adopted at BTC and the method of payments for BTC events which the radio facilitated as they were not working in harmony.

Cllr J Snowball arrived at 2.45pm

RESOLVED Canalside Radio would invoice for services this year - 2023/24 and the Clerk would draft a Service Level Agreement between both parties for 2023/24 at a fee of £900.00 for facilitating the public address system at events and promoting the Town Council events on the radio.

FA 32/33 To receive the report on feedback from the grant allocations for 2022/23

The administration team had followed up the benefits of the allocation of grants last year. With the exception of two organisations the feedback was in the enclosure pack

The Committee wished to thank Helen Platt for her hard work on this report.

This year it was a condition of the grant to give feedback or funds may be withdrawn but in 2022/23 revised policy had not been as robust.

The Committee was pleased with the feedback and asked the Clerk to promote the success of the grant scheme.

FA 33/23 To approve the Internal Auditor for 2023/24.

RESOLVED Rachel Pearson from Ant Accounts was approved as the internal auditor for 2023/24.

FA 34/33 To agree a recommendation to Full Council on the Section 106 monies from Pool Bank car park.

RESOLVED F & A Committee felt the other three Committees had made good recommendations and agreed that FC should decide the outcome and that the F&A Committee would not make a recommendation.

FA 35/23 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 2nd October 2023 @ 10.00am in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 3.10 pm