

MEMBERSHIP:
Cllr A. Doherty
Cllr C. Foxall
Cllr R. Harrison
Cllr J. Sanford
Cllr S. Boulton(ex-officio)
Cllr V. Lipscombe-Kettel
(ex-officio)
Vacancy



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY 13th December 2022**

Present: Cllr Doherty Cllr Foxall
Cllr Harrison Cllr Sanford
Cllr Boulton

In attendance: Vanessa Lawrence (Clerk)

- F63 22/23 To consider and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Lipscombe-Kettel and were accepted.
- F64 22/23 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda**
Cllr Boulton declared a pecuniary interest in Item 79 and would leave the meeting.
- F65 22/23 To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 15th November 2022**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th November as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Doherty – 4 in favour, 1 abstention.
- F66 22/23 Clerk’s and Chairman’s Report**
None
- F67 22/23 To agree to adjourn the meeting for Public Participation, if members of the public are present – there is a 5-minute time limit.**
N/A
- F68 22/23 To agree to reconvene the meeting following Public Participation (if applicable).**
N/A
- F69 22/23 To consider spending review**
Cllr Foxall briefed the Committee on the purpose of this process which was to obtain a view as to the typical level of spending given different scenarios, this was then averaged out on a rolling basis. Cllr Foxall explained that the point of this exercise was to allow the Committee to consider what needs to be done if we wish to continue to provide the level of services for the residents of Fairford and to consider the implications on these services if adjustments are

not made by way of increasing the Precept in stages. Extra income in the future will be limited. He also explained the difficulties we might encounter having responsibility for the Community Centre, as landlords and the potential expenditure for maintenance of the building. The FCC Management committee have looked at potential costs over then next 5 or so years. Further funding will need to be sourced and a rise in the Precept would need to be considered brought in, in stages. Projects have to be considered in relation to the burden on the Council funds.

F70 22/23 To consider and agree budget setting for 2023/24 for recommendation to Full Council.

Cllr Doherty confirmed that the figures relating to requests from the Committees and the overall possible expenditure covered under administration had been considered and were acceptable. It was therefore **RESOLVED** to agree budget for 2023/24 for recommendation to Full Council in January. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January

F71 22/23 To consider and agree EMR's for 2023/24 for recommendation to Full Council

Cllr Doherty presented the EMR figures and following debate it was **RESOLVED** to approve these for recommendation to Full Council in January. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Boulton – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January

F72 22/23 To receive Tax Base rate for Precepting purposes

The Tax Base rate was received and had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Doherty explained that the figure had decreased slightly and that although there are more houses, some were now excluded from the council tax pool, resulting in the decreased figure.

F73 22/23 To consider and agree Precept for 2023/24, for recommendation to Full Council.

In line with the Cllr Doherty's explanation in Item 72 above, the Precept figure was considered. As in previous years, the CPIH figure was used to calculate the figure, and this was at 9.6%. Calculations resulted in a £9.49 increase per household based on Band D property, giving a figure to the requested of £179425. It was agreed that for this year keeping the rise within the rate of inflation would be acceptable. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the increase for recommendation to Full Council in January. Proposed Cllr Doherty, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January

F74 22/23 To consider and agree response to Working 4 Wellbeing request for funding in light of additional information received – e-mailed

Following debate where concerns from Cllrs were considered following the presentation from W4W prior to the last meeting, it was agreed that this Council could not support the request for funding in its entirety. We would be contacting W4W to explain the reasons for this decision. However, it **RESOLVED** to offer a grant of £2500 for this year only, subject to approval from Full Council. Proposed Cllr Boulton, seconded Cllr Sanford – all in favour.

ACTION: Contact to be made with W4W and recommendation to be added to the Agenda for the next Full Council meeting in January.

F75 22/23 To consider and agree donation to Christmas hampers for Fairford Primary School families (£250 requested) – via Mr & Mrs Cully.
As a result of the decision made in Item 74 above, it was agreed to offer grant of £125 for the hampers. Proposed Cllr Sanford, seconded Cllr Doherty – all in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Cully

F76 22/23 To consider and agree response to request for funding for Fairford Steam Rally (email sent 25.11.2022) – e-mailed
Following debate, it was agreed that further information is required and that this matter should be deferred to the W & E Committee for their consideration. The request was considered, and Cllrs felt that the Council could potentially offer our services in promoting the event and providing a small grant once details can be obtained by the W & E Committee.

ACTION: Clerk to add this item to the Agenda for the next W & E Committee.

F77 22/23 Other matters the Chair considers urgent.
No other matters for consideration.

F78 22/23 Date of next meeting 17th January 2023

Cllr Boulton and the Clerk left the meeting.

IN CAMERA ITEMS:

F79 22/23 To consider and agree matters relating to staffing.
It was **RESOLVED** to formally approve the backpay for 2022, which was not published by NALC until September 2022. – All in favour.

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8pm.

.....**Chairman**

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