



GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL

| Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 18 December 2023 at 7pm | |
|---|--|
| Councillors Present | J. Cousins, I. Donfrancesco, S. Henderson, Lokabandhu, L. MacDougall, I. Mutch, P. Manning, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth, M. White |
| Apologies | Cllr T. Napper |
| Absent | Cllrs R. Cook, N. Cottle, Z. Price |
| In Attendance | Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer |
| Public Participation | 0 members of the public spoke during public participation |

18. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTE THE REASONS GIVEN

Cllr Napper had offered apologies owing to personal commitments and these apologies were duly **NOTED**.

19. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Lokabandhu declared that he was a trustee of St Edmund's Community Hall.

20. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS A CORRECT RECORD

The minutes were considered to be a correct record of the meeting and were **SIGNED** by the Chair.

21. TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET AND RECOMMEND A PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2024-25

Members considered a presented draft budget prepared by the Responsible Finance Officer and Town Clerk.

Cllr Smyth proposed that the amended budget be recommended to full Council along with a precept demand figure of £960,000, which equates to a Band D precept amount of £296.13. This was seconded by Cllr Cousins and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

22. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Members reviewed all applications and made the following awards:

- a. Cllr Lokabandhu proposed a grant be awarded to Citizens Advice Somerset of £1,260 for their operation. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- b. Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that a grant be awarded to St Benedict's Parochial Church Council of £500 for their soup kitchen. This was seconded by Cllr White and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

- c. Cllr Cousins proposed that St John's Infant School Parent Teacher Association be awarded £660 for their defibrillator. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- d. A grant was not made to the South West Maker's Market as they did not meet the Grant Policy Criteria.
- e. A grant was not made to the Glastonbury Chilkwell Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee because the form was incomplete.
- f. Cllr Donfrancesco proposed a grant be awarded to Glastonbury Brass band of £2,000 and that this become an annual budget line. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- g. Cllr Cousins proposed that Glastonbury united Reformed Church be awarded a grant of £300 for the maintenance of their cooking facilities. This was seconded by Cllr MacDougall and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- h. Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that a grant of £325 be made to Glastonbury Dragons and that the road closure for their planned event be included in the Town Council's road closure application. This was seconded by Cllr Mutch and **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- i. A grant was not made to the Glastonbury ChAngels as they did not meet the Grant Policy Criteria.
- j. A grant was not made to the Repair Café as the committee felt that they needed more information.

23. TO REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THE COMPLETED EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR 2022-23

The report was considered and NOTED.

24. TO CONSIDER IF ANY ADDITIONAL MEETING(S) ARE REQUIRED OF THIS COMMITTEE IN EARLY 2024

The committee did not feel that any additional meetings were required.

25. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting on 11 July 2024 was NOTED.

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| SIGNED: | DATE: |
|----------------|--------------|