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Finance Committee

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Thursday 12th March 2020

Present:

Councillors Bev Duffy, Simon Hamlyn, Ruth Shepherd, John Sinnott, Alan Chesters

The Chairman informed Committee that there would be an emergency item added within the Confidential session of the meeting.

1. Apologies

Cllr Lee Broders – working away

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

After a proposal from Cllr Shepherd, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/98/1920 RESOLVED** to sign and accept the minutes as an accurate recording of the Finance Committee meeting held on 13th February 2020.

4. Public Participation

No public were present.

5. Accounts

After a proposal by Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **FIN/99/1920 RESOLVED** to accept Month 11 accounts, noting funds available as £83,020.

6. Monthly Purchase Ledger, BACS and Cheque Payments

After a proposal by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/100/1920 RESOLVED** to receive and sign the total monthly purchase ledger, BACS and manual cheque payments noting total payments for Cash Book 1 = £50,441.91 and for Cash Book 2 = £172.71.

7. Council Credit Card

After a proposal by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/101/1920 RESOLVED** to receive the credit card payment record for January 2020 and duly sign as an accurate record, noting a total of £198.59.

8. Wheatsheaf Drive

After a proposal by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Shepherd, it was **FIN/102/1920 RESOLVED** to earmark reserve £410 from 1041/203 FY 2018-2019 to be earmarked for FY 2020-2021 and put towards the Wheatsheaf Drive Play Area for which they were raised.

9. Purchase of Online Social Media Advertisements

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/103/1920 RESOLVED** to approve that the payments for social media advertisements can be made using the Council credit card.

10. Bad Debts

After a proposal from Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/104/1920 RESOLVED** it was agreed that the debt from Shropshire Council Customer Service Team towards running costs for the Community Hub should be retained and not written off.

11. Annual Increase in Fees to Empty Bins

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Martin, it was **FIN/105/1920 RESOLVED** to note the annual increase from PG Skips to empty the bins at the Civic Centre and parks.

12. Shropshire County Pension Fund – Funding Strategy Statement

After a proposal from Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **FIN/106/1920 RESOLVED** to ask the Internal Auditor to make comments on the Funding Strategy Statement and ask Shropshire County Pension Fund for an extension to be able to provide comments from the Internal Auditor.

13. Confidential Business

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/107/1920 RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

14. Renewal Proposal

After a proposal from Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Chesters, it was **FIN/108/1920 RESOLVED** to accept the Renewal Proposal from Ellis Whittam as presented.

15. Energy Issues

The Clerk informed the Committee of an issue that had been raised by our current energy supplier, that is in contradiction to a resolution made for energy supply. The Clerk was requested to work with Cllr Hamlyn to resolve the matter.

Meeting closed 2040

Chairman:

Date: