

# HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE, BUDGET, & RESOURCE COMMITTEE

#### **MINUTES**

of the meeting of the Finance, Budget, & Resources Committee, held at the Fleur De Lys Council Chamber, Market Street, Hailsham, BN27 2AE On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

FBR/21/7/ 68	Public Forum None Presented
69	Present: Cllrs G. Blake-Coggins, R. Grocock, M Laxton and T. Powis
70	Officers Present: J. Harrison (Town Clerk)
71	Apologies For Absence: Cllr N. Coltman and Cllr P. Holbrook
72	Declarations of Interest: None
73	Minutes of Previous Meetings

**RESOLVED** to accept the Minutes and Reports of the Meeting of the Finance, Budget & Resource Committee held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, as a correct record and that they are signed by the Chairman.

- 74 Periodic Statements and Committee Expenditure
  - (a) Fund Summary as at 31st December 2021 and Bank Statements
- 74.1 **RESOLVED** to adopt the Bank Statements 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, and to note the signing of bank statements by Cllr M. Laxton.
  - (b) Summary of net expenditure as at 31st December 2021.
- 74.2 **RESOLVED** to adopt the Summary of Net Expenditure as at 31st December 2021.
  - (c) Summary of the Council's income and expenditure as at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 compared against budgets.

Cllr Laxton inquired about the councils Electric and Gas suppliers if there are better options available to the council, stating that Hellingly PC had been changed supplier and made considerable savings. NB: A note from Finance Officer, the council has many sites and some with different suppliers, the finance officer will investigate this but at present cannot be changed until June 2022. A report will be presented at a future meeting.

Cllr Powis noted the 530% income over budgeted for the Youth Services. **NB: This is due** to the budgeted income being at £1,000.00 and the actual income to date being £5,296.00, however is does offset the expenditure for FNP/PGL.

- 74.3 **RESOLVED** to adopt the summary of Council's income and expenditure compared against budget as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.
  - (d) List of uncleared cheques totalling £18,617.73 as at 31st December 2021

- 74.4 **RESOLVED** to adopt the List of uncleared cheques as at 31st December 2021.
  - (e) List of payments previously certified.
- 74.5 **RESOLVED** to adopt the List of payments previously certified by a member of the cheque signatory panel:
  - £125,067.97 for payments made during October 2021.
  - £123,418.06 for payments made during November 2021.
  - £96,944.12 for payments made during December 2021.

## 75. Free Resources Payments (Section 137 Expenditure)

**RESOLVED** to note 2 items of expenditure under Section 137 payments for the current quarter – New Town Flag - £165.88 and Remembrance Day Wreath £50.00.

#### 76. CIL/Reserve Statements

Cllr Powis inquired what the resolution was in relation to Cemetery Pathways and would like clarification on this item.

NB. It was resolved that £40,000 would be allocated from CIL reserves over 2 years to cover the costs of the work. £20,000 has been paid in November 2021, as work for the first stage was completed in October 2021. This was agreed as part of the 2020-2021 budget process.

**RESOLVED** to note the CIL/Reserve balances as at 31st December 2021.

### 77. Council Bank Accounts

**RESOLVED** to note the update from the Finance Officer's on moving to online banking which will take place from April 2022.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

**CHAIRMAND** 

