

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2023 7.00pm at the Reading Rooms, 32 The Circle, Pinehurst and via Zoom Link

Present Cllr Patey

Cllr J Ballman
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr J. Yeowell
Cllr M. Lucas
Cllr K. Small

Dispensation (Section 85, Local Government Act 1972). Cllr S Exell

Officers

A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
E Till (Head of Finance and Governance)
A Briggs (Estate Manager) - virtually

FGP080 **Public Questions**
None Received

FGP081 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr P Exell.

FGP082 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr J Ballman declared an interest in being a member of L<.
Cllr M Lucas declared an interest in being a member of the L<.
Cllr Patey declared an interest in working for a company who has Pro Hire Vehicle Rental as a customer however he has no interaction with them.

Resolved: Members NOTED the Declarations of Interest.

FGP083 **Minutes of the previous meeting.**

RESOLVED: The Minutes for the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the 6th December 2022 are approved as an accurate record.

FGP084 **Transactions Logs**

RESOLVED: Cllr D Patey confirmed the GPC Transaction Logs for November 2022 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

FGP 085 **Budget Report**

RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the October 2022 report.

FGP 086 Payments Lists

RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the October 2022 Payments List report.

FGP 087 Ear Marked Reserves

RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the October 2022 EMR report.

NOTED: Councillors agreed a discussion to be had about left over EMR's.

FGP 088 Ward Allowance Update

RESOLVED: Councillors NOTED the December 2022 Ward Allowances Balances report.

NOTED: A reminder will be sent with March FGP Agenda for Councillors to spend their ward allowances by the end of this financial year.

FGP 089 L&R requests:

1. Minute L&R 205 Building Management System Audits - Members **RESOLVED** and agreed the funding of the unplanned BMS feasibility report of £5,560 to be funded from EMR 325 Capital Building Works.
2. Members **RESOLVED** and agreed to the recommendation of using Limesquare Vehicle Rental to acquire two new vans at a cost of £15,130.92. Cllr D Patey asked for a note to be made under the declarations of interest that he works for a company who has Pro Hire Vehicle Rental as a customer however he has no interaction with them.

FGP 090 Co-option Process

A request for an additional item to be included in the FGP agenda regarding the Co-option process has been made.

Members **APPROVED** that the new Councillors Co-option moves to the next step in the process to move to the Staffing Panel before going to the Full Council.

FGP 091 23.24 Budget Review:

1. FGP Recommend to Full Council that the budget outlined in Option 5 be approved. Which will result in a Parish Council Precept of £1,636,835.00 which equates to a Band D Council Tax of £165.11.
2. FGP further recommend as part of the budget setting that the first £16k of any collective underspend in the Ward Councillors Allowance for 22/23, be allocated to the 23/24 Ward Councillors Allowance budget, to maintain the present £5k per Councillor allowance.
3. FGP recommend that a one-off contribution of £2,500 be added to the budget for Inclusive Accessibility Improvements for play areas to be taken from EMR 329 £1k, EMR 332 £1k and EMR 325 £500.

Members **APPROVED** the above recommendations.

A note was made that a review of any underspent funds will take place at year end and a decision will be made for the funds to be reallocated to the areas that require attention, including Play Areas.

Meeting Closed: 20.00

Signed.....

Date.....15/2/23

Chair of the Committee

