

NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday, 11th December 2019, held in the Ray Shill Room at Northway Community Hub, commencing at 8.10pm directly following a Council Meeting

Present: Cllr J Roberts (Chairman) Cllr Mrs P Godwin (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mrs E MacTiernan Cllr G Shelton
Cllr Mr S Terry Cllr S Ward

In Attendance: Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council

FIN/81/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Phennah tendered his apologies. No further apologies for absence were received.

FIN/82/19 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 1st July 2012 (Minute Ref C/159/12), including paragraph 12(2), were made.

FIN/83/19 Capital Projects and Rolling Programmes 2020/21

Members went through the draft budget headings contained within the Cost Centre 401 Capital Projects & Rolling Programmes as follows:-

4162 CAP PLAYING FIELD – This had a figure of £3,000, Members considered what might be a priority for the area including the already recommended Security Cameras. It was agreed to keep this figure.

4163 CAP IT EQUIPMENT – This budget had been set higher for the previous couple of years due to a planned overhaul and replacement of existing equipment as well as projectors in both halls. A lower figure of £500 was considered acceptable.

4165 CAP-MAIN CHANGING ROOM – The Clerk had placed £1,000 in this heading. After considerable debate Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED removing this figure and having a NIL budget. Cllr Ward SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4166 CAP- NORTHWAY VILLAGE HALL – A draft sum of £1,000 had been placed under this heading. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that £1,000 remain in the Village Hall budget but it was noted that like the Changing Room this was leased to another body and should also be a NIL budget. After further discussion a vote was taken.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4167 CAP-DEFIBRILLATOR – Cllr Shelton pointed out that the defibrillator outside the 'Animals Only' shop in Northway had no light and the area was nearly pitch black. Cllr Ward pointed out

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that this was one of the reasons the location was not suitable. Cllr Shelton suggested that a light was installed but Cllr Ward pointed out that the Council did not pay for the electricity supply at that location. Cllr Roberts PROPOSED that £250.00 be put in the budget.

FOR: Cllr Roberts
Cllr Godwin

AGAINST Cllr MacTiernan
Shelton
Cllr Terry
Cllr Ward

Therefore, a zero budget would be set.

4168 CAP CRIME & DISORDER – Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED that the £1,000 budget be retained. Cllr Ward SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4169 CAP ROAD SAFETY – Cllr MacTiernan PROPOSED a figure of £500 for this budget. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4172 CAP NORTHWAY COMMUNITY HUB – It was agreed to keep the suggested figure of £4,000 as there were still works i.e. entrance gate that the Council wished to consider. Cllr Ward PROPOSED, Cllr Terry SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

4172 CAP PLAY EQUIPMENT NORTHSIDE – Cllr Roberts PROPOSED £1,000 for this budget as the Council were wishing to save towards this project.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

FIN/84/19 **DCK Accounting Services**

The Clerk tabled information from DCK Accounting Services regarding End of Year Close Down and Accounts and Cllr Terry PROPOSED that their services were used for this work. Cllr Godwin SECONDED.

FOR: UNANIMOUS

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FIN/85/19 **IT Working Party**

Members received the recommendation from IT Working Party about purchasing an Internet Phone to run alongside the existing system (Min Ref IT/10/19 refers). Before agreeing this the Clerk said that BT had provided some new information relating to the future of the phone line. The reason the Council did want to change its existing set up was because there was a land line for the Emergency Plan. BT informed the Clerk that over the next two years it would be rolled out to all customers that they have cloud phones and land lines would no longer be operational, this would roll out further to domestic properties following the businesses. This changed the information given by the IT Provider and required further investigation. It was AGREED that this should come back to a later meeting.

FIN/86/19 **Correspondence received after 5th December 2019**

None received.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8.40pm.