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MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Judi Morison (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe and David Gill
In attendance: 1 member of the public
Clerk: Lisa Davis

Open session

One resident asked if there were any plans for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on Station Road and if a defibrillator would be located at the new housing estates. They also enquired if it would be possible for members of the public to film Council meetings.

The meeting started at 19:09

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F057 Apologies for absence
Frances Alden, Angela Piggott and Tom Trouton had sent their apologies.

F058 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).
There were no declarations of interest.

F059 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 12th February 2024 to be signed by the Chair.
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 12th February 2024 are approved

F060 To review action points from previous meetings
No updates

F061 To note the Year to date budget report
The Year to date budget report up to 29/02/2024 was noted. It was agreed to add a budget line for Assembly Room bookings income from 1st April. It was noted that there is a credit on the gas account for the Market House so the Clerk has requested a refund and that there had been an increase in interest on the Triodos account.

F062 To consider funding for PAT testing kit to be purchased by Castle Cary Repair Café as a community resource
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to contribute £300 towards the cost of the PAT testing kit.

F063 To consider grant application from South Somerset Community Accessible Transport for funding for 2024/25
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend that Full Council approve a grant of £2,500 to South Somerset Community Accessible Transport towards running costs for 2024/25

F064 To consider grant application from Castle Cary Cricket Club for funding towards equipment for youth coaching
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend that Full Council approve a grant of £150 to Castle Cary Cricket Club for funding towards youth coaching equipment

F065 To consider grant application from Castle Cary Allotment Association for funding towards mains water connection
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend that Full Council approve a grant of £150 to Castle Cary Allotment Association for funding towards mains water connection

F066 Somerset Council Urban Tree Challenge Fund – to discuss proposal for tree planting at Fairfield and Donald Pither
The detailed proposals from Somerset Council were not yet available but it was noted that expenditure is likely to be during 2024/25 but the funding would not be received until 2025/26.

F067 To review the Community Engagement Policy
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to re-adopt the Community Engagement Policy

F068 To agree amendments to the authorised signatories list
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to add Angela Piggot as an authorised signatory on all bank accounts

F069 Somerset Council devolution of assets/services – update
It was noted that the current recharge arrangements for Millbrook toilets would continue for 2024/25.

The meeting concluded at 20:09 hours.

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 22nd April 2024. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 11th April 2024.