



MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.00pm

Present: Judi Morison (Chair), Frances Alden, David Gill, Andrew Lane, Trevor Oats and Tom Trouton

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Clerk: Lisa Davis

Open session

One resident asked if it would be possible to have a Credit Union in Castle Cary.

The meeting started at 19:03

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F070 Apologies for absence

Linda Ball, Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe and Angela Piggott had sent their apologies.

F071 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.

F072 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 11th March 2024 to be signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (2 – for, 3 – abstained, 0 – against) that the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 11th March 2024 are approved

F073 To review action points from previous meetings

No updates

F074 To note the Year to date budget report

The Year to date budget report up to 28/03/2024 was discussed line by line and noted. It was noted that the market income for the year had exceeded the income target. The budget for cleaning supplies was overspent but it was noted that this was a result of increased use of the Market House. The gas and electricity costs had risen this year but it was agreed that there was no need to use the energy costs contingency ear marked reserve.

F075 To approve earmarked reserves There are still some virements to be made so it was agreed to approve the earmarked reserves at the Full Council meeting on 13th May.

F076 To discuss request to film Town Council meetings A member of the public had requested to film Town Council meetings. It was noted that this would provide more transparency but concerns were raised by some Councillors about the possible impact that this may have on members of the public attending meetings and the potential risk of recordings being edited. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would do some more research regarding the legislation and best practice and speak to other local Councils who record or stream their meetings.

Action 240422/1: Town Clerk

F077 To discuss finance presentation for Annual Town meeting Judi Morison gave an update on the finance presentation for the Annual Town meeting.

F078 Somerset Council devolution of assets/services – update There was no update.

The meeting concluded at 20:54 hours.

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 10th June 2024. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 30th May 2024.