

WYMONDHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 20th December 2022
in the Council Offices commencing at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllrs	Hurn
	Halls
	Flatt
	Holden
	Elliott (Chair)

Also Present

Cllr. Broome

F29/22	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – None
F30/22	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – None.
F31/22	<u>MINUTES OF MEETING</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19 th May 2022 as a correct record.
F32/22	<u>PROGRESS UPDATES</u> : None.
F33/22	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> : None.
F34/22	<u>EXTERNAL AUDIT</u> Certificate from LLP Littlejohn for the financial year ending 31 st March 2022 was noted stating ‘In our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met’. was noted.
F35/22	<u>INTERNAL AUDITOR</u> - Letter from Larking Gowen re interim internal Audit was noted. It was noted that the total formulas at the bottom of the April 2022 monthly creditors presented to full Council had omitted a small amount of data resulting in a miscast total £42,389.76 rather than a correct total of £43,054.06. The formula has now been corrected and new hard copies signed by the Council’s Chair and Vice-Chair.
F36/22	<u>DRAFT INTERNAL INTERIM ACCOUNTS</u> Clerk gave an outline of the financial position of the Council as at 30 th September 2022 as shown by the ‘Draft Internal’ accounts that had been prepared. Income is in surplus against budget by £1,468 with expenditure below budget by £2,821 Clerk then outlined some of the significant variances gave explanations and answered questions raised.
F37/22	<u>EXCLUSION PRESS & PUBLIC</u> On the proposition of Cllr. Hurn and seconded by Cllr Halls resolution by the Council under the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 to exclude Press and the Public from the meeting of Wymondham Town Council in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

F38/22	<p><u>2023/24 DRAFT FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE BUDGET</u> Cllr. Elliott outlined the budget that had been prepared for the 2023/2024 financial year. After discussion upon the resolution of Cllr. Flatt and seconded by Cllr. Holden it was unanimously resolved to recommend a budget of £490,057</p>
F39/22	<p><u>2023/24 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET</u> Cllr. Elliott outlined the proposed full budget for the 2023/2024 year being an amalgamation of the budgets recommended by the Leisure & Environment Committee (£166,581) and the Finance & General Purposes Committee (£490,057). Clerk then gave an explanation as to how the budget is constructed and answered questions. With increasing costs, it was considered prudent to recommend an overall increase of 5.00%.</p> <p>After further discussion upon the proposition of Cllr. Halls and seconded by Cllr. Hurn it was unanimously resolved to recommend a precept of £656,638 resulting in a Band D charge increase of £4.92 pa from £98.39 to £103.31.</p>

[The meeting closed at 19.31 pm]

DATED this day of2023

SIGNED (Chairman)