FINANCE, ASSET & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance, Asset & Resources Committee held on Tuesday 24th October 2022 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Cllr G Hutchinson (Chair), G Elner, P Goulbourne, P Jones, A Wignall, J Howard and M Hancock.

Town Clerk and RFO: Jo Butterworth
Deputy Clerk & Deputy RFO Jean Hynes

FAR 10/22/01 **To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence**

None received.

FAR 10/22/02 **Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda**

Councillor Name	Item No
Cllr G Hutchinson	Declared a personal interest in item 10.

FAR 10/22/03 **Grant Dispensations**

None requested.

FAR 10/22/04 **Minutes**

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr G Elner and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th June 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

FAR 10/22/05 **Contracts/Finance**.

(a) Town Council Income & Expenditure report for 2022/23, 2nd Qtr.
Noted.

(b) CWG Income & Expenditure Report for 2022/2023, 2nd Qtr.
Noted.

(c) Council Detail Report, 2nd Qtr.
The Clerk ran through the detailed report with members, she reported that thanks to the sponsorship for the Jubilee the event had only cost the council £186 of their £500 budget**.** It was also noted that the cost centre 4314 (additional gardening costs) was over budget due to unforeseen tree works. **Noted.**

(d) Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce.
Members considered a request for a donation towards the fair rides for the Christmas Winter Festival 2022. The council already finances the Christmas festoons in town and the electricity for them, so after much discussion it was agreed that due to the current economic climate, and with the council having to make some tough financial decisions this year to manage their public purse, not to make a donation on this occasion.

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr J Howard and

RESOLVED – that members agreed not to support a donation towards Christmas Winter Festival 2022.

(e) Town Hall Roof. To consider quotations for temporary repairs.

The Clerk reported that 3 companies approached had provided quotations for the Temporary Repairs to the Town Hall Roof, there were like for like quotes with varying prices.

Company No	Amount (Excl VAT)	Additional
1	4280.00	
2	3580.00	
3		Quote Not Received

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall, seconded by Cllr J Howard and

RESOLVED: to accept the quotation from company 2 for £3,580 (exc VAT) as it offered best value and the Clerk reported that the company has completed work to a high standard in the past. The successful contractors were Jonathan Roberts.

FAR 10/22/06 **Beech Grove Recreation Ground Parking.**

The Clerk reported that the Football Club had been directing vehicles through the side gate and along the back area where they had erected parking signs. The Clerk has now erected signs to state that parking is at the owner's own risk. The Clerk pointed out that this area is not included in the Football Club lease and asked members if there are happy for it to be used for match day parking and whether they would like to consider allowing residents parking. It was agreed to write to the Football club pointing out that as they are allowing parking in an area which is outside their lease any damage to the recreation ground would be their responsibility to put right. It was also agreed not to allow residents to park in that area.

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr P Jones and

RESOLVED: to write to any residents that are currently parking to request that they move their cars

It was moved by Cllr G Hutchinson, seconded by Cllr J Howard and

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Football Club pointing out that they are encouraging parking in this area which is outside their lease and any damage occurred to that area they will be expected to put right.

FAR 10/22/07 **Annual Town Walks.**

The committee reviewed the reports and discussed considerations to be looked at during the 2023/24 budget setting. The Clerk agreed to get quotes to replace the

damaged fitness equipment at Beech Grove. The Clerk confirmed that she is still waiting on a reply about the garages and will chase it up. Council agreed to allocate £5K for the Cemetery budget.

It was moved by Cllr A Wignall seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne

RESOLVED: to earmark £5k for the Cemetery during 2023/24 budget.

FAR 06/22/08 **Grant Awarding Policy**.

Members were asked to consider other councils policies and appoint a working group to work and discuss what members would like a working group to consider when creating a new Grant Awarding policy. Council also agreed to allocate £6k during 2023/24 and to look at applications on a quarterly basis.

It was moved by Cllr G Elner seconded by Cllr A Wignall

RESOLVED – that a working group for Grant Awarding Policy be formed with the following members Cllrs A Wignall, J Howard, P Goulbourne, G Elner, G Hutchinson and M Hancock and to look at applications quarterly and to allocate £6k for awarding grants during 2023/24.

FAR 06/22/09 **Exclusion of Press and Public**.

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr M Hancock and

RESOLVED - that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts.

FAR 10/22/10 **Cadet Hut Rent.**

Cllr G Hutchinson left the room.

Council reviewed the annual rent for the Cadet Hut, which hadn't increased since 2005. The Clerk has sought legal advice and is waiting on confirmation if a new lease is required to enable an increase. It was agreed to undertake a review all assets and look at income generation in general at the meeting of councillors.

It was moved by Cllr P Jones, seconded by Cllr A Wignall and

RESOLVED- to review all assets and income generation.

The meeting closed at 8:02pm

Chair: ……

Date: ……

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