

Amersham Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2024

PRESENT: Councillor M Roberts (Chair)
Councillor D Pinkney (Town Mayor)
Councillor E Shepherd (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor J Barnes
Councillor M Flys
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor H Maitland-Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy

29. **APOLOGIES:** Councillor M Dormer
Councillor V Head
Councillor P Milliner

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
There were no declarations of interest.

31. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2024:**

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for periods ending 31 July & 31 August 2024
- ii) Balance sheets as at 31 July & 31 August 2024
- iii) Accounts paid from 1 July to 31 August 2024

It was Proposed - Councillor D Pinkney
Seconded – Councillor H Maitland-Jones

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 July to 31 August 2024 be accepted.

32. **APPROVAL OF THE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The recommendations of the Grants Committee to allocate grants for the 2024-25 financial year were noted.

It was Proposed – Councillor M Flys
Seconded – Councillor H Maitland-Jones

RESOLVED to approve the grant allocation, as recommended by the Grants Sub-Committee, as follows:

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| Chesham/Amersham Christmas Party for the elderly | £560 |
| Chiltern Arts | No grant awarded |
| Amersham Recycles Medic to Medic | £200 |
| Woodside Road School PTA | £250 |
| Wild Amersham | £750 |
| Royal British Legion (donation for Remembrance Day poppy wreaths) | £100 |

33. **RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S MAIN INSURANCE POLICY:**

The Town Clerk's report was noted regarding the uplift in the buildings reinstatement values, following the recent independent review.

It was Proposed – Councillor E Shepherd
Seconded – Councillor D Pinkney

AGREED to renew the insurance with the existing insurer at a premium of £30,913 for the year October 2024 to October 2025.

34. **RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S FLOOD INSURANCE FOR FLINT BARN COURT:**

After noting the Clerk's report

It was Proposed – Councillor M Roberts
Seconded – Councillor A Lamont

AGREED to renew the flood insurance for Flint Barn Court at £1,359.84 for the 2024-25 year.

35. **RENEWAL OF THE COUNCIL'S HEALTH & SAFETY AND HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTANCY CONTRACT:**

The Town Clerk's report was noted, with the recommendation to move to Peninsula Business Services Ltd for the Council's H&S and HR consultancy. After brief discussion,

It was Proposed - Councillor S Shepherd
Seconded - Councillor J Barnes

AGREED to take out a new 5 year contract with Peninsula Business Services Ltd, with an annual fee of £6,400.

36. **SET UP WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS FEEDBACK ON HERVINES PARK PLAYGROUND PROPOSALS:**

It was Proposed – Councillor M Roberts
Seconded – Councillor H Maitland-Jones

AGREED that Councillors Mark Roberts, Jane Barnes, Amanda Lamont and Elizabeth Shepherd would form a working group and would meet at 9am on Friday 1st November to discuss the feedback from the survey and examine the options on location of the replacement playground.

37. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

There were no matters for report.

Part two

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

There were no matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman.....

Date

