

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee – 23rd January 2019 (Meeting commenced at 7:13pm)

- 380/18** 1. **Attendance register and apologies for absence**
Present: Sam Findlay (Chair), Lindsay Cooper, Christine Edwards, Miranda Jones and Stephen Rozak
- Apologies – David Ainslie, these were noted.
- 381/18** 2. **Declaration of Members Interests**
 Miranda Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 having applied for grants for community groups in Uppingham.
- 382/18** 3. **To confirm the report of the meeting held on 19th December 2018** – Lindsay Cooper proposed these are approved, seconded by Stephen Rozak and unanimously agreed.
- 383/18** 4. **Democratic 15 minutes – an opportunity for the public to speak.**
 No members of the public present.
- 384/18** 5. **Consider an interim update from Council’s internal auditor Richard Willcocks of Redwood Pryor.**
- Action: No actions for the Clerk and a subsequent update would be provided at year end.*
- 385/18** 6. **Consider reviews to the following aspects of Uppingham Town Council’s grant aid policy:**
- a) The timeline for 2019 and 2020 before and after the election on 2nd May. **Resolution:** Proposed by Sam Findlay that committee recommends to Full Council that the grant awards are moved after May elections to the Council meeting to June 2019. Seconded by Christine Edwards, 4 in favour and 1 abstention.
 - b) The post grant evaluation process and expectations of Council.
 - c) Amendments in support of the post grant evaluation process in the policy document. **Resolution for b) & c):** Proposed by Sam Findlay that committee recommends to Full Council the updated draft Grant Aid Policy & Rules as tabled, seconded by Christine Edwards, 4 in favour and 1 abstention.
- 386/18** 7. **Consider an update from the Clerk on the renewal of the following costs:**
- a) Insurance provision
 - b) Utilities for Council assets
 - c) Broadband and telephone for the Town Hall
 - d) Photocopier lease and copy costs
 - e) Auto enrolment pension costs
- Resolution d):** Proposed by Christine Edwards that the existing photocopier lease is extended for 3 years with the existing supplier. Seconded by Sam Findlay and unanimously agreed.
- Action: Clerk noted feedback from members on item a), b), c) and e) and would provide further updates on quotes and pricing.*

Meeting closed at 08:02 pm.