**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE,**

**24th November 2021 Held at Uppingham Town Hall, commencing at 7.30pm**

**FGP068/21**  **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Sam Findlay (chair), David Ainslie, Ron Simpson, Stephen Rozak.

Town Clerk Sharon Coe were in attendance. 1 member of the Public

**Apologies:** Lindsay Cooper

**FGP069/21 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** None

**FGP070/21**  **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Liz Clarke thanked members for the opportunity to sit into the meeting.

**FGP071/21 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON 19th October 2021**

**Resolution:** It was agreed to confirm these minutes. (3 for, 1 abstention due to not being present at the meeting).

**FGP072/21 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE MEETING HELD WITH THE CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

The Chair gave a precis of the meeting held with the Clerk, where items had been raised by her in her role as RFO and a steer was given for her to prioritise over the next few months.

**FGP073/21 TO CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN UTC AND THE UPPINGHAM BOWLS AND FOOTBALL CLUB**

The Clerk had shared documentation to members regarding the lease and rental agreements. Members discussed this at length with various options being considered.

 **Resolution :** That Council would look further into the options for the future of the building. Proposed by Sam Findlay and seconded by Steve Rozak. **Resolved unanimously**

**FGP074/21 TO CONSIDER THE REVISED FIGURES FOR THE 2022/23 BUDGET, AND REVISE AS NECESSARY.**

The budget was tabled as amended, discussed and a couple of cost lines renamed.

 **Resolution:** That the Finance and general Purposes committee recommend the Budget for formal adoption at Full Council on the 8th of December and agree the precept request for £142,000 to Rutland County Council. Proposed by Dave Ainslie, Seconded by Steve Rozak (3 for, 1 abstention)

**FGP075/21** **TO RECEIVE THE RETIREMENT LETTER OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND CONSIDER A NEW APOINTEE.**

 The retirement letter was received from Redwood Pryor, and the Clerk informed members that she was sourcing new auditors for next year’s audit and was awaiting quotations. The report was noted.

**FGP076/21** **TO CONSIDER THE QUOTATION FOR A NEW WEBSITE PROVIDER**

 The Clerk had tabled an option to move to a new website provider which was discussed

 **RESOLUTION.** That the Clerk maximise the usage of the current website and F & GP could revisit this in 12 months’ time if needed.

 Proposed by Dave Ainslie. Seconded by Steve Rozak **Resolved unanimously**.

**FGP077/21** **TO CONSIDER THE FEE STRUCTURES OF THE MARKET/ROOMHIRE/CEMETERY**

 The Clerk had tabled various documents for members to consider which were duly discussed.

 **RESOLUTIONS:**

 That the Town Hall room hires be accepted as tabled, with the increase in line with the budget proposals.

 That the Market rents are held this year but the Clerk to advise that these may increase in 2023.

 That the cemetery fees be reviewed when the necessary works regarding the Cemetery are known.

 **Resolved unanimously.**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm.