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

**27th April 22 Held at Uppingham Town Hall, commencing at 6.30pm**

**FGP078/22**  **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**Present:** Sam Findlay (chair), David Ainslie, Ron Simpson. Lindsay Cooper

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

**Apologies:** Stephen Rozak

**FGP079/22 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION** None

**FGP080/22**  **AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

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

**FGP081/22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ON**

**24th November 2022**

**Resolution:** It was agreed to confirm these minutes, but the action of Minute FG073/21 was still outstanding. The Clerk would further this action. Proposed Cllr Ainslie, Seconded Cllr Findlay – **Resolved unanimously**.

**FGP082/22 TO REVIEW THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022**

Cllr Findlay presented an overview of the accounts. Members went through all the cost centres and together with the Clerk identified some coding amendments required. The Clerk will effect these amendments using the EMR’s and CiL funding where appropriate. Questions were posed regarding some of the historic spends where the Clerk was able to provide clarification from the records. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of a debit card restricted for her use in accordance with the Financial Regulations 6.13.

**FGP083/22 TO REVIEW THE EMR’S FOR 2022/2023**

Members went through the EMR’s listed and checked for continued validity. Some EMR’s were again historic with a Nil value. These would be tidied up and only the present EMR’s would be displayed for clarity.

**FGP084/22 TO NOTE THE PLANNED AUDIT DATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022 AND ANY OUTSTANDING YEAR END ISSUES**

The Clerk was having an initial meeting with the Internal Auditor on the 6th of May. RBS were performing the Year End Closedown on the 24th of May, this would form part of the AGAR which the Clerk would then present to Council. A couple of year end issues had been identified; the Clerk had these in hand.

**FGP085/22** **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL RESOURCE TO ALLOW THE CONSULTANT TO COMPLETE HIS WORK ON THE DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.**

The Clerk was asked to check the EMR reserve for the above. This was a resource that the Council would wish to utilise if available. The Clerk will also investigate the possibility of a further grant to facilitate the much-needed expertise of our consultant. Proposed Cllr Ainsley, Seconded Cllr Findlay – **resolved unanimously.**

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.