

Uppingham Town Council

Town Hall, High Street East,

Uppingham, Rutland. LE15 9PY

Finance & General-Purpose Committee (FGPC)

Minutes recorded on Thursday 22nd August 2024 at 7pm.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Cllr Trevor Colbourne (Chair). Cllr Barry Hobbs. Cllr Mark Shaw.

Cllrs Christine Edwards. Cllr Lindsay Cooper. Cllr David Ainslie BEM (ex officio)

Also Present: Mr Adam Lowe (Clerk to the Council).

FGPC24/154 Apologies. None

FGPC24/155 Declaration of Members’ interests and applications for dispensation.

 Cllr Cooper – Item 7 as advertised – Bloors Land.

 Cllr Ainslie – Item 7as advertised – dispensation.

FGPC24/156 No public present.

FGPC24/157 To confirm the minutes of the Committee’s 3rd July 2024 meeting.

 The Clerk gave a brief explanation of outstanding actions.

 The cemetery fees should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

 Proposed Cllr Hobbs. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

FGPC24/158 Item 5. The Clerk gave an overview of Financial YTD.

 A discussion identified no significant concerns.

 The Committee are keen for the Clerk to explore the alternative accounting package, the recommendation was Scribe.

 The Clerk was asked to explore the current Town Hall lettings review.

 The investment Policy should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

FGPC24/159 Item 6. Amenities Committee spending request. Following the debate the following recommendations were made.

1. Cemetery Fence Repair (subject to confirmation it is 80 or 100 mtrs)

The quote from Stamford Fencing was chosen as the preferred option.

£7560.00 incl vat.

 Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried with 4 in favour.

 1 Against. 1 Abstention.

1. Christmas Lights – purchase and installation.

The quote (£18,88.06 inc vat) from Blachere was chosen as the preferred option to be funded by the UKSPF, with the additional electrical infrastructure costs, also funded from the UKSPF reported to Full Council.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

1. Skate Park Repairs – Deferred as awaiting further quotes.

The additional quote is for timber cladding. Clerk to enquire about funding.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

FGPC24/160 Item 7. Bloors Land – brief overview of the decision of the proposed partner has

withdrawn due to a change in their circumstance. The Committee were sympathetic to the outcome. A further debate determined the need to refer this item back to the EAIC (Amenities) as the council would need to explore other options for this land.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Hobbs. Carried.

FGPC24/161Item 8. The Clerk gave an update on the lighting on the landing and had purchased

replacement tubes (£32.00). Future options would be to upgrade this area with LED.

Cllr Ainslie made a comment to commend the Clerk for his actions and research into options, the Clerk suggested the Amenities may choose to look at this in the future.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FGPC24/162 Item 9. The Clerk gave an update on Election Costs. The decision regarding the

use of Poll cards was debated, and the Committee agreed to the purchase of Poll Cards in the event of contested election for complete transparency.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Edwards. Carried.

FGPC24/163 Item 10. The Clerk updated the Committee that the Audit Action was work in Progress. Cllr Colbourne proposed that this remains as an recurring agenda item.

Proposed Cllr Colbourne. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

FGPC24/164 Item 11. Future meetings dates would remain monthly. The Chairman and the Clerk

will produce a schedule for the next six months and advise the Committee.

Proposed Cllr Ainslie. Seconded Cllr Shaw. Carried.

The meeting closed at 7.11pm,

Signed………………………………………………………. Date………………………………………….