

# **ST CUTHBERT (OUT) PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2022, 7PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M Hayden; G Pettitt; J Reeves; C Wride.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Michele Exton (Parish Clerk); 4 Members of the Public.

## **01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Foster.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the reasons given for Members' absence.

## **02. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**02.01.** There were no declarations of interest.

**02.02.** There were no requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

**02.03.** There were no requests for dispensation.

## **03. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items for exclusion of the Press and Public.

## **04. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Members of the Public spoke on item 06 for the Dulcote Village Fountain and The International Music Exchange grant applications.

## **05. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Finance & Scrutiny Committee held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.

## **06. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered grant applications from the following:

- Dulcote Village Fountain.
- Citizen's Advice Mendip.
- Wookey Hole Lunch Club.
- St Michaels and All Angels Church, Dinder.
- The International Music Exchange.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £800 to the residents of Dulcote Village towards chain fencing around the fountain.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £1,000 to Citizen's Advice Mendip towards the cost of recruiting, training and equipping volunteers.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £100 to the Wookey Hole Lunch Club towards the cost of food handling courses for volunteers.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £200 to St Michaels and All Angels Church, Dinder towards the cost of ground maintenance.

**RESOLVED:** To approve a grant of £500 to The International Music Exchange towards forming a community choir to perform at WOWFest (Wells Orchestral Weekend).

## **07. REVIEW CURRENT BUDGET AND SPEND TO DATE (2021/22)**

The Committee reviewed the current year's budget and spend to date (first 9 months) and scrutinised listed items.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council to approve the current budget and spend to date (first 9 months) 2021/22.

## **08. DRAFT 3-YEAR BUDGET FORECAST 2023/24 TO 2025/26**

The Committee decided to defer reviewing the Council's draft 3-year budget forecast 2023/24 to 2025/26 until the next Finance & Scrutiny Committee in view of the current unpredictable inflation rises.

## **09. MARKED RESERVES**

The Committee reviewed the Council's Marked Reserves.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Full Council to approve the Council's Marked Reserves as reviewed and amended by the Finance & Scrutiny Committee 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## **10. THE COUNCIL'S INSURANCE**

The Clerk updated Members that the Council's insurance is due for renewal on 31<sup>st</sup> May and that the renewal documentation would not be available until the beginning of May. As the Council is in a 3-year agreement with their insurers, the Committee agreed that the renewal documents can go straight to Full Council for approval on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## **11. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

TBA.