Minutes of the Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee held in the Town Hall, Bideford on Thursday 1 December 2022 at 6.30 pm
PRESENT:
North Ward:
Councillor P S Christie Councillor D Bushby (Chairman) Councillor T Johns (Substitute for Councillor S Inch) Councillor D McGeough
East Ward:
Councillor Mrs J Gubb Councillor L Hellyer Councillor J McKenzie
South Ward:
Councillor P Lawrence
West Ward:
Councillor C Hawkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs H Blackburn (Town Clerk)
064. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Councillor S Inch (South Ward - Personal)
065. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA
There were no declarations of interest at this point.
066. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION OF 15 MINUTES DURATION
No Members of the public were present at the meeting.
067. MINUTES
Proposed by Councillor Mrs Hellyer and seconded by Councillor Lawrence, the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.
(Vote - For: 7, Against: 0, Abstentions: 2)
068. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS
No items were raised.
069. ACCOUNTS
a. Members received the list of payments.
(Councillor Mrs Gubb declared a personal interest in item 5 on the payment list (Her son provided the PA system on Remembrance Sunday).
Councillor McGeough commented on the grant of £15,000 to Torridge District Council for the provision of play equipment and suggested that the Mayor is invited to unveil the new equipment once it is installed.
Proposed by Councillor McGeough, seconded by Councillor Hawkins, and

RESOLVED: That the draft list of payments is approved.

(Vote - For: 9, Against: 0)

b. Members received the Internal Auditor's report.

Proposed by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Bushby, and

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's report is approved.

(Vote - For: 9, Against: 0)

070. PORT MEMORIAL LICENSE REQUEST

Members considered a request from a local trader to grant a license to park a horse box serving coffee and light snacks on the Port Memorial for the summer season.

Members discussed the feasibility of this request but felt that it would not be an appropriate place to trade from and would adversely affect the amenity of the area.

Proposed by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gubb, and

RESOLVED: That the request for a license to park a horse box serving coffee and light snacks on the Port Memorial for the summer season is declined.

(Vote For: 9, Against: 0)

071. BUS SHELTER

Members considered the provision of a bus shelter in the vicinity of the taxi rank. Councillor Bushby advised that he had received a number of requests from taxi drivers and members of the public requesting a shelter. He envisaged a simple, transparent shelter, with a bench seat to protect those waiting for a taxi from the elements. He advised that there was now surplus funding in the project budget as the Festoon lighting would not be going ahead and it was also unlikely that the Pollyfield footpath would come to fruition.

Members considered the space in the area and the proximity of the cycle way. Councillor McKenzie offered to seek advice from the Highways Officer on the best position for the shelter and how this could be achieved.

Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor McGeough, and

RESOLVED: That this project is supported and the advice of the Highways Officer is sought on how to achieve the provision of a bus shelter in this location.

(Vote For: 9, Against: 0)

072. MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERVIEW PANEL

Members considered the membership of the interview panel for the candidates for the position of Town Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor McGeough and

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bushby, Mrs Gubb, Christie, S Inch will make up the interview panel. The Town Clerk will be present in an advisory capacity and Councillor Hawkins will be a reserve panel member.

Members agreed that a buffet lunch should be served on both interview days, with all Councillors invited to meet the candidates.

(Vote For: 9, Against: 0)

073. MAINTENANCE OPERATIVES

Members received an update on the tasks undertaken by the Maintenance Operatives and noted the report.

074. PART II CLOSED SESSION

Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gubb and

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed, the meeting moves into part II.

(Vote For: 9, Against: 0)

075. STAFFING MATTERS

There is a confidential Minute associated with this item.

076. Proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gubb and

RESOLVED: That the meeting returns to Standing Orders.

(Vote For: 9 Against: 0)

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.

•	PV NO		ALLOCATION	VAT	NET	TOTAL
1	7/11	M S Anto Repairs Ltd	Replace offside mirro + paint cover	51.79	258.95	310.7
2	10/11	TDC	Short Close and Chestnut Drive Play areas: fencing / additional play equipment		15,000.00	15,000.0
3	15/11	EDF	Decorative Lighting Bideford Quay	68.60	343.00	411.6
4	18/11	DS Electrical	Unit 13 Daddon Park - Oct / Nov 22 rental		1,200.00	1,200.0
5	23/11	Mr C M Cole	Remembrance Service - Victoria Park - PA		170.00	170.0
6	23/11	Tazza Design Ltd	Parking Dates Banner - Remove & Replace Dates	2.50	12.50	15.0
7	23/11	Mow It	Repair / maintenance - hedgecutter	45.08	225.42	270.5
8	24/11	HMRC	Tax and Nat Ins		8,007.43	8,007.4
9	24/11	Council Staff & DCC Pension Fund	Salary and Pension Fund (Nov 22)		26,137.39	26,137.39
10	6/12	IAG Signs	Welcome Panels	98.63	493.15	591.7
11	6/12	IAG Signs	Roll of Honour Boards	147.73	738.66	886.3
12	6/12	RGB	Maintenance Items	8.68	43.43	52.1
13	6/12	Blights	Fael	77.16	385.81	462.9
14	6/12	Clear Sky Publishing	North Devon Gazette - Notice - Remembrance Sunday	40.00	200.00	240.0
15	6/12	Clear Sky Publishing	North Devon Gazette - Notice - Grants	36.00	180.00	216.0
16	6/12	In-Stitches	Yellow Hi Viz Bomber Jacket + Hi Viz Vests (x4) Ballistic Trousers + Maroon Polo Shirt	31.47	167.33	198.8
17	6/12	Tamar Trading	Maintenance Items	17.68	151.19	168.8
18	6/12	Just Office	Stationery Items	8.73	43.65	52.3
19	6/12	Bideford Rotary	Burns Night Supper x 2 tickets (Mayor)		58.00	58.0
20	6/12	Plus Publishing	3,000 additional copies £750 and £250 contribution to advertising revenue to breach shortfall		1000.00	1,000.0
21	6/12	Enterprise	Vechicle Hire - Remembrance Sunday Parade	34.04	170.21	204.2
22	6/12	Mr P Stone	Honorarium - Beadle		600.00	600.0
23	6/12	Mrs V Morrish	Honorarium - Mace Bearer		600.00	600.0
24	6/12	Mrs V Morrish	Honorarium - Town Hall Tour Guide		200.00	200.0
25	6/12	Mr J Weeks	Honorarium - Town Crier		350.00	350.0
26	6/12	Mr P Hooper	Honorarium - Town Marshall		250.00	250.0
27	6/12	Mayor's Charity	Donation in lieu of Christmas Cards		120.00	120.0
28	6/12	James Hallam	Temporary Motor Insurance for additional vehicle		28.00	28.0
29	DD	British Gas	Cooper Street 2 Oct - 1 Nov	4.99	99.80	104.7
30	DD	The Information Commissioner	Data Protection Act 1998 - Renewal		40.00	40.0
31	DD	BT	Line rental: 1 Nov - 31 Jan 23	21.27	106.35	127.6
32	DC31	DP Agri Litd	Maintenance Items	2.93	14.67	17.6
33	DC32	BJ's Value House	Maintenance Items	6.66	33.32	39.9
34	DC33	Motor Parts Direct	Maintenance Items	5.03	25.15	30.1
				708.97	57,453.41	58,162.3
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