



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE MEMORIAL HALL FRESHWATER ON 6th FEBRUARY 2024 COMMENCING AFTER THE PLANNING MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: - Cllr Bamford (Vice Chairman), Cllr Kennett, Cllr Bray, Cllr Cox, Cllr James, Cllr Hinklin, Cllr Hobbs, Cllr Hinton, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Jarman.

ALSO PRESENT: -Paul Blackley Finance Officer, Heather Rowell and Val Taylor

Cllr Bamford Chaired the Meeting for Cllr Kennett who had just come back from a meeting on the mainland.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Medland was absence due to personal circumstances.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2024.

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2024 were approved.

4. TO RATIFY JANUARY 2024 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS.TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PRECEPT FOR 2024

Discussion took place on the January 2024 Payments; various questions were raised to which the Financial Officer answered.

Discussion took place regarding the replacement lighting at the Muga. It was agreed further information would be obtained and brought back to the Council,

RESOLVED: -

That the January Accounts were approved.

COUNCILLORS DISCUSSED THE PRECEPT FOR 2024-2025.

It was proposed and seconded that the precept be set with a 12% increase.

Councillors discussed this proposal together with the proposed budget.

RESOLVED:-

That the budget for 2024-2025 was approved and Freshwater Precept be set at £512.004

5. TO ACCEPT A QUOTE 847 FWPC MIDDLETON TO REPLACE DEFECTIVE GABIONS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AS MORE DAMAGE IS OCCURING.

Councillors discussed the quote for replacement gabions.

RESOLVED: -

That the quote for £9,315.19 +Vat be agreed and the work to go ahead as a matter of urgency.

6. MOTION FROM CLLR JAMES TO APPROVE THE MAKING OF A PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A MOBILE SAUNA TO BE SITED ON LEASED LAND BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr James presented his proposal of the Council submitting the Planning Application for the Sauna to be sited on leased land at Freshwater Bay, and for the Council to pay half the planning application fee and Rob Debank paying the other 50%.

Councillors discussed this proposal and raised various points including Freshwater Residents need to be consulted and a point regarding life-saving experience of the person running this facility would be required as the sea could be dangerous at that Bay.

The Clerk advised Councillors that paying half the fee on a planning application for a private business would be ultra virus.

Cllr James put the Motion to the Council, and it was duly seconded.

The motion was put to the vote and the motion was lost.

7. MOTION BY CLLR JAMES TO REQUEST THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS ALLOWING THE CRICKET CLUB TO PLACE A CONTAINER ON THE FIELD TO STORE THEIR EQUIPMENT

Emails with information from Cllr James have been circulated separately.

Cllr Bray declared an interest in this agenda item

The Council discussed this motion. During the discussion it was asked if the Sports Centre who leased the land from the Council had been consulted and the Council was informed it had not.

RESOLVED: -

That Cllr Kennett, Cllr James and Claire from the Sports Centre would meet to discuss the Cricket Clubs request and the results from that meeting would be brought back to the Council.

8. TO RECEIVE WRITTEN REPORTS FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Jarman had given a verbal report at the later January Meeting and reported they were still having discussions about Coastal Collapses.

On Sunday he is attending a meeting in Brook regarding the A3055 road. He reported the road problem had been discussed at IW Council Scrutiny Committee today.

Military Road was also discussed as both these roads have implications for Freshwater.

It was reported that the 2010 Policy Document designates coastal erosion as no intervention. This policy does not allow the IW Council to get Government money and needs to be revoked. This is to be brought up again at a Council Meeting.

Cllr Jarman was thanked for the updates by the Chairman

9. CLERKS TO REPORT ON LEGAL ADVICE RE LEASE SITUATION ON HERITAGE CENTRE.

The Clerk reported on the legal advice she had received regarding the Heritage Centre. The situation is that the Lease has been terminated. It would mean issuing a new lease which would involve legal expenses.

RESOLVED:--

That this is noted and nothing can be done on this matter by the Council.

10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Co-option request received to become a Freshwater Councillor.

Exclusion of press and public was agreed.

Councillors met the 2 applicants and discussions took place.

RESOLVED: -

That Mrs Francs Turan and Mr Warren Whyte were approved to become co-opted Councillors of Freshwater Parish Council

Signed

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