



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER ON TUESDAY 20th JUNE 2023 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: N Thomas (Chair), A Bamford, C Bray, E Cox, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, G Kennett, D James, and J Medland.

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: H Rowell

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors K Fosbury, C Jarman, D Hicklin and E Roberts.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2023.

The Minutes of the meeting on 21st February 2023 (having been circulated) were approved. (EC/BH)

3. TO NOTE YEAR END REPORT 2023/24.

Year End Report accepted, and Cllr James thanked for not taking the Chair's Allowance.

4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE AGAR RETURN FOR 2022/23.

The AGAR was approved and signed by the RFO and the Chairman of the Parish Council. The RFO and Finance Officer were congratulated on the completion of the audit process.

5. TO NOTE THE VAT REPORT.

VAT has been claimed back up to 31st March 2023.

6. TO CONSIDER RING FENCING THE SKATE PARK BUDGET.

It was agreed to ring fence the budget for the new Skate Park.

7. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL.

Cllr Bray declared a non-pecuniary interest in two applications to be discussed (prostate cancer and sustainable travel).

Cllr Kennett declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chair of WWSCC.

The following recommendations for grants were agreed to be taken forward to the next full Parish Council Meeting.

- Action for Support - £250.00.
- All Saints Church Parish Hall - £1,920.00 with a plaque noting the donation from the Parish Council.
- Colwell Baptist Church - £800.00.
- Community Connector - £10,000.00 and they will be invited to the next Full Parish Council meeting to give a presentation.
- Freshwater and Yarmouth CofE Primary School - £1,000.00 to support the costs for a piano, with a plaque donated by the parish council.

It was agreed to defer the application from WWSCC to the next meeting.

8. TO CLARIFY THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS AND POLICY.

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting when Cllr Jarman can make his proposal.

9. TO CONSIDER A WEIGHTING PROCESS TO BE APPLIED TO APPLICATIONS.

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting when Cllr Jarman can make his proposal.

10. TO REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINT FUNDING BETWEEN COUNCILS, AND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING.

It was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting when Cllr Jarman can make his proposal.

Meeting closed at 8.11pm.