



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 24th OCTOBER 2023 AFTER THE
PLANNING MEETING.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:- Cllr Jarman (Chair), Cllr Kennett, Cllr Bamford, Cllr. Bray, Cllr Cox, Cllr Hinton MBE, Cllr Thomas and Cllr Hobbs

LOCUM CLERK:- Mrs. V Taylor

No Members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: - Cllr Hicklin, Cllr James and Cllr Medland

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH JUNE 23.

The Minutes of the meeting on 20TH June 2023 (having been circulated) were approved and duly signed.

3. TO RATIFY THE OCTOBER MONTHLY ACCOUNT PAYMENTS.

This agenda item was deferred and is to be ratified at the next Full Council Meeting.

4. TO CONSIDER LARGE GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMEND 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 West Wight Sw3imming and Community Centre.

Neither Councillors took part in this debate.

a. GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE GIFT TO NATURE APPLICATION.

Councillors discussed this application and agreed to recommend to the Full Council Meeting awarding them a grant of £8,000.

b/1. GRANT APPLICATION WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillors discussed this application and agreed to recommend to the Full Council Meeting awarding them a grant of £10,000 to aid them to access the £36,000 they had been awarded from the Government Changing Spaces Scheme.

b/2 GRANT APPLICATION WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillors discussed this application which was an application towards the second quarter's contribution, towards the Centers running costs.

This application was refused.

5. TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL.

a. GRANT APPLICATION FROM MRS WILLIAMS.

This application after discussion and was refused.

b. GRANT APPLICATION FROM JASON SWAN ON BEHALF OF WIGHT SURF HISTORY

Councillors discussed this application and agreed to recommend to the Full Council a grant of £500.00 towards their historical project

b. GRANT APPLICATION FOR DEMENTIA FRIENDLY LUNCH CLUB

Councillors discussed this application and agreed to recommend to the Full Council a grant of £500.00

c. GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Councillors discussed this application and agreed to recommend to the Full Council a grant of £500.00

Councillors discussed the quarterly Grant Policy and felt it needed to be updated/clarified.

6. TO REVIEW THE RISK ASSESMENT

This item was deferred until the December 2023 Meeting.

7. TO AGREE A BUDGET PROPOSAL AND PRECEPT FOR 2024/25 AND BRING TO THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillors discussed various suggestion for next years budget and precept. After a full discussion Councillors agreed to go forward looking at 3 options and the effect on the budget of 5%, 7% and 10% increases and what the precepts would be.

It was also agreed to ask the Financial Officer for budget/balance sheets for the November 2023 together with this year end projected spend in advance of the meeting and all Councillors to have a copy and raise questions for clarification with the Finance Officer if necessary prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED THAT: -

The suggested budgets of 5%, 7% and 10% increases be produced for the November. 2022-23 Meeting.

8. TO AGREE A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING IN JANUARY 2024.

It was agreed subject to the Memorial Hall being available it would be held on Wednesday 17th January 2023.

Signed

Date