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Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee held 11th June 2020 at 7pm via video conference.

Present: Cllr E Lowe (Chairman)

Cllr M Gibson
Cllr T Taylor

Cllr S Haddock
Cllr A Wright

Cllr T Kemp Cllr D Mangion

Cllr B Rose

Also present: Mrs Y Smith (Town Clerk (TC))

14. Apologies for absence

None-all present

15. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None

16. Purchase of a housing box for the defibrillator, installation charges and alternative sites

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a housing box at a cost of £600 plus installation costs.

The alternative sites to the bus shelter were discussed as being on the public conveniences and to approach the NFU to see if it could be sited on their outer wall.

Cllr Mangion suggested that an ELDC **Councillor** Grant could be applied for to help with the costs.

ACTION- TC to apply for grant, contact LCC re site in the bus shelter, obtain a price for an electrician.

17. Policies

a. Review of Complaints Policy-

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy

b. Sponsorship and Market Stalls Policy

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy.

c. Next Policies to be written

Induction Policy

d. Review of existing policies

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the current list as being reviewed.

18. Grant application from Horncastle and District Scrubs.

It was **RESOLVED** to donate £150 to the Horncastle and District Scrubs.

19. Tree Council funding application.

The Tree Council were offering funding for communal areas with parishes for projects. Cllr Lowe said that it would be good to have a communal orchard. Cllr Kemp said that the Council would need some clarity as to where to site it. TC said that she had contacted ELDC with the possibility of a transfer of asset of the small piece of waste land next to the Post Office Lane Car Park and suggested that there could be benches too.

It was agreed in principle to make an orchard on the suggested site.

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20. Review of Asset Register

TC said that there was only the allotments land registry to be completed and the value of the land when it was purchased from the Earls of Ancaster Estate.

Cllr Rose queried the land values and it was explained that for the asset register purposes, it was the value when purchased not the current value and these figures were necessary for the annual accounts form.

The Asset Register was accepted.

21. Separate Insurance for the Allotments.

TC said that she had spoken to the Council's insurance company and had been told it was not necessary to have a separate insurance for the allotments. Allotment holders need to have their own insurance for their plot however public liability was covered as was the assets held there.

22. Review of Expenditure and Income for the Allotments

TC tabled an up to date report showing expenditure and income since 2012 which showed an underspend of £545.43.

23. Review of budget and expenditure 2020/21

TC tabled an up to date report showing the current expenditure.

Recreation Ground Committee had submitted a grant application for the renovations to upgrade the pavilion. TC suggested that if the Council agreed to pay for the blinds and the new lighting then the RGC could carry out that work which would be a project completed instead of only part funding another part of the project. Cllr Rose proposed a grant £1k for the blinds and £2K for the lighting in line with what TC has suggested. Cllr Wright said this was very visible in the town and would be seen well by the residents.

ACTION-To go to Full Council for resolution on 25th June 2020.

23. Appointment of Monitoring Member.

A member of the committee was required to carry out spot checks on the accounts and balance three time a year as per the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wright be the Monitoring Member.

24. Items for the next agenda

Budget review

Policies

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm