



Minutes – Finance & Operations Committee

Minutes of the virtual meeting held at 6.00pm on Monday 7th December 2020

Present: Cllrs Byfield (Chair), Arthur, Bowers, Higgins, White and Yeo.

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (Parish Clerk), Rebecca Harrod (Finance Officer), and Cllrs Boston, Gaisford, Lawrence, Rogers and 2 members of the public

Public Participation

Members of the Rugby Club commented on the ongoing planning application relating to a new clubhouse and cycle hub and reported that the Football Club was supportive of the plans.

100/20/F&O Apologies

Apologies were received and reasons accepted from Cllr Trevethan who had a work commitment.

101/20/F&O Declarations of interest and dispensations granted

Cllrs Bowers and Byfield declared an interest in the item relating to the proposal from the football club as they trained members.

102/20/F&O Approval of minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 2nd November 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

103/20/F&O Action List

Members noted updates to the Action List. There were no urgent outstanding items.

104/20/F&O Management Report on the Library

The Clerk reported that the Library continued to operate on a 'click-and-collect' basis but had a loyal customer base with 50% of users continuing to use the service and this percentage was higher than many other Cornwall libraries. Opening up the library for browsing would be considered in January.

105/20/F&O Update on 8 Boscawen Road Project

The working group had held several meetings including a discussion with the cost consultant to understand the overall build cost and the net cost to the council. The latest costings for a 3 storey building with parish council and library space on the ground floor and residential accommodation above was not financially viable as it stood. The working group had requested costings for alternative scenarios and would also be considering partnering with a developer. A recent meeting had also taken place with Cheryl Mackeray MP and there were possible central government funding sources to explore.

106/20/F&O Car park and Droskyn toilet management arrangements

There were no issues to report relating to Droskyn car park and toilets which were closed until the start of next year's season.

107/20/F&O Bells' Car Park and cycle track

The council had received a request for support from Mr Bell regarding the proposed annexation of part of his car park for the new cycle path. It was agreed that this was a matter for discussion with the Highways Department and further

AGREED that the parish council would like to see cycle parking available at the rugby club and a cycle path into town which did not result in the loss of the Bells' parking spaces.

108/20/F&O Request from Football Club regarding use of car park

The council had received a request from the Football Club to designate some spaces for the use of officials and visitors on match days. It was agreed that this did not fall within the terms of the current lease but a few cones could be deployed on match days with a sign stating 'Please respect these spaces on match days' or similar wording.

109/20/F&O Droskyn car park electrical works

The council AGREED with one against to commission AC Electrical to carry out essential electrical works to bury the power cable to the newly installed ticket machines.

110/20/F&O Street works

Members AGREED quote for TMS to carry out works to wall area in front of Goonhavern Park notice board, and to one day's weed clearance from roadside gutters.

111/20/F&O Insurance allocations

The Finance Officer explained that she had inherited a system of allocating insurance fees to tenants on a percentage basis. This was no longer practical given the council's other insurance commitments and it was AGREED to allocate each property in relation to the figure specified per property by the insurance company.

112/20/F&O To respond to a request from Unit 7, Cligga

A request had been received from Unit 7, Cligga to develop the site to provide enhanced facilities for the community. Members wished to see clearer plans and proposals and considered that a site visit was required. It was AGREED to arrange a site visit by Cllrs Byfield, Arthur, Bowers, Simon Dowling and the Clerk.

113/20/F&O Property Updates

It was reported that all units were up-to-date with payments.

A response was still awaited from the Watering Hole relating to Simon Dowling's correspondence regarding finalising the beach cleaning contract.

114/20/F&O Items of Correspondence

There were no significant items of correspondence requiring members' attention at this time.

115/20/F&O Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was noted: 6pm on Monday 4th January 2021 (*subsequently changed to 11th Jan*).

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.48pm.

Signed

Date: 11th January 2021