MINUTES OF THE CHEADLE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2023 AT THE LODGE 6.30PM

391. PRESENT – Councillors S. Ellis (Chair), V. O'Shea (Vice Chair), C. Clark, I. Plant Mrs P. Upton and D. Wilson.

392. APOLOGIES – Councillors., J. Mason, P. Routledge and G Bentley

393. ABSENT – Councillors J Aberley and R. Talbot

394. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

395. SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUESTS – None

COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN ITEMS

396. PREPARATIONS FOR 2024/2025 BUDGET

The Committee reviewed the budget in detail and made the first draft for consideration by Full Council. Budget proposals from Councillors were discussed some items were removed due to costings and further information would be required as a business case would be essential for the proposal. It was agreed to remove such items at this time. 2 budget proposal were moved by the committee to be actioned within this financial year.

- Investment in IT equipment for the lodge to include a laptop, docking station, server and screens to allow the 2 clerks to work more effectively. An approximate cost was provided and the Deputy Clerk will seek a quote for consideration by Full Council. The funding will be over the budgeted line for IT however a virement from the energy budget underspend.
- Flags for the Tean Road flag pole – Approx costing of £200 were provided Cllr P Upton which were agreed by the committee for consideration by the full council. Cllr Upton to provide the Deputy Clerk with the relevant information.

The committee also proposed that if members of the council wished to receive a paper copy of the agenda & minutes this would need to be requested in writing 48 hours prior to the meeting. This would help to reduce the volume of paper, printing & time spent on preparing the agendas for members.

397. REVIEW OF BURIAL & GAMES FEES 2024/2025 –

The fees for burials were reviewed and it was recommended that they would be in line with the forecasted RPIX figure of 1.5% increase for the year of 2024/25.
Games fees would be as follows
Bowling Adult £40 – OAP £30 – Non-members Adult £45 OAP £35
Football £25 per match – it was also noted that the football teams to be contacted to ensure the facility is free from rubbish.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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