

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th October 2022 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY

Present: Cllr Boden, Miscandlon, Dorling, Wicks, Davies, Mason

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

FP63/2022. To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Mockett – no apologies received.

FP64/2022. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items.

There were no declarations

FP65/2022 - Public Forum – 15 minutes

One member of the public was present.

FP66/2022 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Wednesday 21st September 2022.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

FP67/2022 – Financials.

1. Bank Reconciliations to 30th September 2022 – The bank reconciliation was accepted, and the Clerk thanked for her hard work.
2. Year to date Figures – Members received the YTD figures.
3. Payment List for approval. Vouchers 148 – 179 to the value of £13782.54 this was proposed by Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Miscandlon with a unanimous vote in favour.

FP68/202 - Agenda Items for Discussion

1. WTC Mission Statement – Cllr Dorling explained why this would be a useful thing to have, he gave four examples for discussion. Cllr Boden agreed the general principles would be particularly good with nothing too specific and suggested the use of Cllr Dorling's first line. **'WTC supports initiatives that make our town and villages better places to live, work and raise families.'** This was proposed by Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Wicks with a unanimous vote in favour, this item will be an agenda item at the Full Council in November.
2. Heating – Cllr Mason presented the issues to members and asked the Clerk to offer further information about the heating / hot water situation. Member discussed all the issues and agreed that the Clerk endeavour to obtain three quotations in line with WTC Financial Regulations and an additional meeting be held on Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 17.00 where the quotes will be opened and discussed. As these will be commercially sensitive the public will be excluded from this meeting.
3. EV Points – Cllr Mason advised members the council need to decide whether to replace them, or not have them at all. WTC have received three specifications, two of which would be free , the other enables residents to plug in, but they would pay a fee for the electric with a small commission being paid to the council, this system would also restrict people to three hours

charging, therefore making the points more available to everyone. The cost of this system is £4458.00. Members discussed all three offerings and agreed the Clerk look at other options. Cllr Dorling has some other suppliers who offer this service or something similar and will pass them on. Cllr Boden proposed that WTC do not replace the EV chargers with something that is a free and unregulated service, members agreed with this and will wait for the findings from the Clerk.

4. Budget – Cllr Boden advised members that the current year's budget was achieved after only two drafts, he will collaborate with the Clerk and present the first draft (zero) based on the existing years budget plus or minus anything that we know must be changed. Cllrs will be asked again for any items they require expenditure for . Cllr Wicks stated that items in the budget must be quantified, and the precept needs to be increased.

FP69/2022 – Information

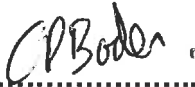
There was no additional information.

FP70/2022 - Donation Requests.

There were no donation requests.

FP71/2022– Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th November 2022

Meeting Closed: 19.30



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Cllr Boden
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee

