

WHITEHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee held 13th October 2021

Present: Councillor R Gill (Chairman); Councillor E Dinsdale; Councillor C Hayes; Councillor B O’Kane; Councillor G Roberts

M. Jewell, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

V. Gorley, Assistant Clerk

23/21 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

24/21 Appointment of Chairman

Councillor Hayes nominated Councillor Gill as Chairman for the ensuing year and this was seconded by Councillor Roberts. A vote was taken and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That Councillor Gill be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year

25/21 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

Councillor Hayes nominated Councillor Roberts as Chairman for the ensuing year and this was seconded by Councillor Gill. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That Councillor Roberts be appointed as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year

26/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

27/21 Public Participation

There was no public participation

28/21 **Minutes of the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2020**

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. A vote was held 3 Councillors voted for and 1 Councillor abstained and it was unanimously

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

Councillor O’Kane entered the Meeting

29/21 **Finance Report**

The Committee considered a finance report containing budget monitoring figures and showing the amount allocated to the budget to the budget categories, the net expenditure to date, the estimated expenditure to 31/03/22 and the likelihood of any overspend or underspend

The Assistant Clerk explained that the report showed that the Council had received grants and that these had been added into the budget. The Committee went through the finance report page by page and following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that a recommendation be made to full Council that the report and the budget monitoring figures be noted and approved. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED - That a recommendation be made to full Council that the report and the budget monitoring figures be noted and approved.

30/21 **Electricity Contract**

The Committee agreed to deal with a matter which was not on the Agenda but which was urgent.

The Assistant Clerk informed the Council that it had taken over a year with numerous telephone calls and emails to the electricity company to get them to supply a contract for the electricity supply to the Council Office. 3 contracts had been received that day as follows- 1 year at £3,743 pa; 2 years at £3,285 pa and 3 years at £3,099 pa. Following a discussion it was proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Hayes that a recommendation be made to full Council that a 3 year contract be entered into at a cost of £3,099 pa. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED - That a recommendation be made to full Council that a 3 year contract be entered into at a cost of £3, 099 pa.

31/21

Budget Working Group

It was proposed by Councillor Hayes and seconded by Councillor O’Kane that as in previous years Budget Working Group be set up comprising those on the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee to work on setting the Budget for 2022/23 and make recommendations to full Council. A vote was held and it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED - That as in previous years A Budget Working Group be set up comprising those on the Policy and Resources and Finance Committee to work on setting the Budget for 2022/23 and make recommendations to full Council.

The Meeting closed at 6.45pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. J. Hayes', written in a cursive style.

Chairman