

DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FOWEY TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2024 IN FOWEY TOWN HALL AT 5.30pm

Present Cllr J Berryman (Chairman), Cllr Mrs R Cooke, Cllr A Dellow, Cllr P Hughes
Cllr Mrs L Simms (Mayor, *ex officio*)

In attendance The Town Clerk, Sally Vincent

23/37 Apologies None

23/38 Declaration of Interests

- a. Pecuniary – None
- b. Non Registerable – None.
- c. Dispensations - None

23/39 Public Questions

None

23/40 Minutes of Meeting of 27th November 2023

Proposed Cllr Cooke, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

23/41 Matters Arising (for report only)

None

23/42 To approve expenditure

1. Replacement of the accessible swing at Squires Field play park. Cllr Simms confirmed that there were sufficient funds in the EC budget to cover this. Proposed Cllr Simms, seconded Cllr Cooke and RESOLVED that the red model should be purchased at £957.00, inc. vat.
2. Following the resolution at the February Council meeting, approve the engagement of Kirsty Worden (Vickery Holman) to represent FTC in respect of the Schedule of Dilapidations at the OGS Garden. Proposed Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that Kirsty Worden should be engaged.
3. To allocate the £10,000.00 received from W & W utilities to an earmarked reserve for the Squires Field play equipment. Proposed Cllr Berryman, seconded Cllr Simms and RESOLVED that £10,000.00 should be allocated as an earmarked reserve for Squires Field play equipment.

23/43 Squires Field Pavilion

Cllr Dellow reported that the build would soon be completed. The cost was within the previously agreed budget but items such as internal furnishings and landscaping required authorisation. Cllr Dellow also recommended a contactless pay system for the electric

charging point as this would be much easier to manage, but would cost £2,500. In all, this would bring the cost of the build to be iro £250,000. Cllr Simms proposed, Cllr Hughes seconded and it was RESOLVED that the additional expenditure should be authorised. The Town Clerk queried the future use of the building as she needed to know how to treat the vat liability. She understood that a percentage could potentially be reclaimed for areas of the building not intended for business use i.e. the secure book room, the office, the library space, possibly the kitchen area but if the main part was rented out or if a decision was made to possibly offer a franchise for a café facility, for instance, then the vat would be payable. Members agreed that clearer decisions needed to be made about the future use of the building but in the meantime it was proposed by Cllr Dellow, seconded Cllr Hughes and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk should reclaim the vat but that it should then be placed in an earmarked reserve in case it had to be repaid.

23/44 Squires Field

Cllr Cooke confirmed that the £80,000 CIL funding that had been approved was for the pump track and walkways and, although she would have to amend the dates slightly on the CIL agreement, she proposed, Cllr Berryman seconded and it was RESOLVED that the offer be accepted.

Discussions then centered around the quote received from Flashman's Track n Trail to improve the existing surface area of the old play area and install a MUGA. Concern was raised that the quote was so significantly lower than the quotes previously received that the end result may be below standard. Given the time constraints (the meeting had already overrun) the Town Clerk suggested that this item be deferred and she would set up a further meeting on 17th April for decision. Cllr Cooke agreed to supply further details of the proposal as appropriate.

23/45 Matters considered Urgent by the Chairman

None.

Date of Next Meeting 17th April 2024

Meeting Closed 6.25 pm