



Minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 29th November 2022 commencing at 1.50pm in the Council Office, 2A Lady Street, Dulverton.

Present: Chairman: Mr Alan Ottey. Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mrs Ann Van Praag and Mrs Allison Crisp.

Deferment of business for comment by the public: None

Apologies: Mrs Louise Parrish.

Election of Chairman: Mr Ottey was proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

Declarations of Interest: None

Chairman's Comments and Meeting Management: Unlike many others, the town is thankfully not suffering from many empty shop premises.

Matters Arising: None

Budget 2023/23:

Members considered the anticipated costs regarding town management responsibilities for 2022/23, and the proposed budget figures for 2023/24 as presented by the Clerk.

After discussion it was subsequently:

RESOLVED: To submit Appendix A to the Legal & Finance Committee with regards inclusion when considering the council budget for 2023/24. Proposed by Mrs Dubery seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

Correspondence:

Benches, Amory Road - Steve & Martha Huckins: Request for the installation of a bench at the bottom of Amory Road, where the busses terminate and turn around as well as one further up Amory Road by the sub-station. Members commented that the land is either S.C.C. Highways or privately owned. Furthermore, it was agreed that the costs were not financially sustainable at the present time. It was suggested that the Bus Companies concerned are approached with the proposal.

Matters to Report with permission of the Chairman:

Shop Signage: Members enquired as to whether there is any guidance concerning shop signage? Furthermore, are recent changes within the guidelines stipulated by ENPA? Cllr. Thwaites to pursue with ENPA.

Flower Display 2022: Members commented that the flower display had been greatly appreciated by the public. The Clerk was requested to forward members thanks to Mr & Mrs Brown, Isis and the Thrift Shop volunteers for watering the baskets etc.

New Style Bin – Lion Car Park Entrance: The bin cannot be accessed due to the large commercial bin used by the Tantivy. The Clerk was asked to contact Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWT) to enquire why the Tantivy bins are placed on SWT land rather than on their own property as stipulated in the planning conditions.

Lion Stables Toilets: Due to higher costs, members were asked to consider implementing a usage charge. Cllrs. Mr Ottey and Mrs Dubery to investigate logistics and costs.

Weed Killing: It was agreed that a further treatment is undertaken towards the end of March 2023. Mrs Van Praag intends to accompany the contractor.

Next meeting: To be scheduled for Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 1.00pm.

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