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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held remotely (via online Zoom platform) at 7pm on the seventeenth day of December 2020

Present: Councillors Cary Matthews; Tony Anderson; Paul Anderton; June Ashworth; Alex Ashworth; John Bates; Vicky Boyd-Power; Roger Cleet; Patricia Clarke; Glenys Dennison; Roger Dennison; Merv Evans; Jake Goodwin; Patricia Heath; Janice Hanson; Margaret Pattison; Paula Ross-Clasper; Jim Pilling, Ian Clift, Jason Firth, S Burns and David Whitaker

In attendance: Mr Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer) and five members of the public.

Minute 20174

Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Mariusz Balcer, Cllr Mirka Balcer, Cllr Jack Newton.

Minute 20175

Declarations of Interests

Cllr Pattison noted membership of Lancashire County Council.

Minute 20176

Minutes - 3 December 2020

The Council approved the minutes of 3 December 2020. A recorded vote was requested.

In favour: Cllrs P Anderton, T Anderson, A Ashworth, J Ashworth, J Bates, V Boyd-Power, S Burns, R Cleet, P Clarke, G Dennison, R Dennison, M Evans, J Goodwin, J Hanson, P Heath, C Matthews, M Pattison, J Pilling, P Ross-Clasper, D Whitaker.

Minute 20177

Safeguarding Policy

It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Safeguarding Policy subject to the below amends.

9.4 "advocating intolerance of others"

10.3 "forty-eight"

Minute 20178

Grant Applications

It was unanimously resolved to delegate future grant applications to the Proper Officer and approve for a grant application to be submitted to Lancashire County Council and Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner to support a healthy living project organised through the Morecambe in Bloom budget.

Minute 20179

Finance

Signatories

It was unanimously resolved to add Cllrs Whitaker, Pilling, and Ross-Clasper to the banking mandate. Cllr J Ashworth also agreed to remain a signatory.

Expenditure Lists

The Council unanimously resolved the expenditure lists for July, August, September, October, and November 2020.

External Audit

It was unanimously resolved to approve the payment of £400+VAT to PKF Littlejohn.

Minute 20180

Budget 2021-22

It was resolved to approve all the recommendations within the Budget Report (with an amend to the budget heading for the Backstreets Project, and 'deprivation' typo in Grants Budget). The budget was set at £395,112, the precept was set at £282,245 and delegated authority for each budget heading is recorded in the report.

The budget was approved unanimously.

A recorded vote was requested for the precept.

In favour: Cllrs Anderson, Anderton, A Ashworth, J Ashworth, J Bates, Boyd-Power, Burns, Cleet, Clarke, Clift, G Dennison, R Dennison, Evans, Firth, Goodwin, Hanson, Heath, Matthews, Pattison, Pilling, Ross-Clasper, Whitaker.

Against: Cllr S Burns

The meeting was adjourned for ten minutes.

Minute 20181

Professional Services

The Council considered the quotes received for professional services support in the area's of HR, Employment Law, Employee Wellbeing, and Health and Safety.

It was proposed to defer this item to the Personnel Committee. The proposal was not carried.

It was resolved to accept the Peninsula quotation at a cost of £292 per month for 36 months.

Minute 20182

Allotments

The Council approved the membership of the National Allotment Society at a cost of £55.00 per annum.

Minute 20183

Staffing

The Proper Officer withdrew from the meeting.

The Council resolved to extend the current contract of the Proper Officer, Luke Trevaskis, with identical terms by a further six months commencing on 1 February 2021.