

PADDOCK WOOD TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PADDOCK WOOD TOWN COUNCILS FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 09 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.45 P.M. IN THE DAY CENTRE, COMMERCIAL ROAD, PADDOCK WOOD

Cllrs Present: H. Atkins, R. Atkins, M. Flashman, R. Moon, M. Ridger & C. Williams

Also Present: K. Bell (Locum Clerk), T. Maxwell (RFO) & C. Smith (Estates Manager)

Members of the Public Present: 4

Cllr Flashman opened the meeting and welcomed all present

F27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES: There were none

F28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

F29 MINUTES

F29.1 Meeting held on 12 December 2022: It was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes from the meeting as an accurate record of those proceedings. **Unanimous**

F29.2 Update on Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting: There were none.

F30 BANK AND CASH BALANCES: It was reported that the balances at 31 December 2022 were £1,017,259.71.

F31 FEES and TARIFFS

F31.1 Cemetery Charges: Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: That the charges be agreed as per the attached schedule.

By Majority

Cllr Moon left the meeting. After a short suspension in proceedings, the meeting continued.

F31.2 Elm Tree: Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: That pitch fees would increase by 11.1% i.e., the November 2022 CPI **Unanimous**

F31.3 Allotments: Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: That the matter would be deferred to the Estates Committee who would be asked to make recommendations for consideration. **Unanimous**

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Committee Chairman:

Date:

F32 BUDGET: The RFO and Locum Clerks were thanked for preparing thorough and comprehensive budget papers for members consideration. The RFO presented the budget and members considered the following options.

Option A Not opening the Community Centre
Budget requirement £680,456

Option B Opening the Community Centre
Budget requirement £757,956

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. H. Atkins, seconded by Cllr. R. Atkins and:

RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee did not recommend a budget and the matter went straight to full council for consideration

For 2 Against 3 **Motion Failed**

It was further proposed by Cllr. Flashman, seconded Cllr. Williams and

RESOLVED: To recommend that council approve Option B with a budgetary requirement of £757,956.

For 3 Against 2 **Motion Carried**

It was further

RESOLVED: That TWBC would be asked to clarify the Band D equivalents for 2023/2024.

F33 ACQUISITION OF ESTATES VAN: Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

RESOLVED: That Council would be asked to approve a budget of £15,000 spread over 3 years to purchase a suitable vehicle. It was noted that this decision did not mean that an EV vehicle would not be purchased at some time in the future. **Unanimous**

F34 Matters for Consideration in Private

F34.1 Scallywags Charges. Deferred pending an examination of the lease.

F35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 8.51 p.m.

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Committee Chairman: **Date:**