

# BINGLEY TOWN COUNCIL



The Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley, BD16 2LF

**Councillors present:** Gentleman, Gibbons (Chair), Goode, Truelove, Williams  
**Member Councillors absent:** Fenton, Heseltine, Winnard  
**In attendance:** Eve Haskins (Town Clerk)  
**Members of the public:** None

**Start time: 6.30pm**  
**End time: 7.00pm**

## **2324/127 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received, and the reasons for absence approved, from Councillors Fenton, Heseltine and Winnard.

## **2324/128 Disclosures of interest**

Councillor Goode declared an interest in agenda item 2324/135 as an associate of The Friends of Prince of Wales Park.  
No written requests for dispensation had been received.

## **2324/129 Minutes**

**Resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes (F&GP) Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 as a correct record.

## **2324/130 Confidential items to be discussed under item 2324/140**

No further items to be discussed in confidence after item 2324/140, following exclusion of the press and public, due to their sensitive nature.

## **2324/131 Public Participation**

None.

## **2324/132 Allotments**

**Resolved** to receive the following updates on the allotments and to agree the following actions:

- Plot numbering at the Beck Lane site: Councillors Fenton and Heseltine are still investigating these, liaising with the local Men's Shed.
- Asbestos: one quote received, awaiting a second quote; agreed that all quotes received to be brought to the next meeting for a decision to be made.
- Allotment Policy review: agreed that the Town Clerk to convene a meeting with the allotments' councillors and staffing team to review the policy, being mindful that this needs to cover biodiversity also in adherence with the Biodiversity Policy.
- Request to remove old shed and replace with a new one at Plot 18A, Beck Lane: confirmed that the allotments' councillors have agreed to this request.

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- Request for path at plot 27: ongoing, allotments' councillors are liaising with the plot holder regarding requirements.

## **2324/133 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**

Noted the update that the SID, due to be placed in Cottingley, has been ordered and waiting for the invoice to be paid before proceeding.

## **2324/134 Bank reconciliation, statement, balances**

- a) **Resolved** to approve the bank reconciliations for December 2023.
- b) **Resolved** to approve the bank statements for December 2023.
- c) **Noted** the balances to date as follows: Unity Bank: £2,365.07, PSDF: £243,334.

## **2324/135 Grants**

**Resolved** to approve the grant application for £430 from the Friends of Prince of Wales Park to contribute towards the costs of refurbishing/replacing benches in the park.

## **2324/136 Green and Clean**

**Resolved** to receive an update on Green and Clean as follows:

- Litter picks: next litter pick to take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January, in the Britannia Bridge/Britannia Road area.
- Flower beds, Ferncliffe Road: agreed that the gardener who has been commissioned to undertake work at the allotments to be asked for a quote to maintain/tidy up the overgrown flower bed at the banking near Ferncliffe Road, created by Councillor Goode in 2017, in adherence with the Biodiversity Policy.

## **2324/137 CIL funding**

**Resolved** to confirm that the following CIL reserves have been allocated to the bandstand project:

- 2018-2019: £2,948.
- 2019-2020: £2,731.
- 2020-2021: £4,219.
- 2021-2022: £1,833.
- 2022-2023: £2,639.
- 2023-2024: £953.

## **2324/138 Risk Management**

No new risks to the Council identified.

## **2324/139 Date of next meeting**

Noted the date for the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30pm at the Hub, Myrtle Place, Bingley.

## **2324/140 Exclusion of the press and public**

**Resolved** to exclude the press and public from agenda item 2324/141 under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 s1 (2)), due to their confidential nature.

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## 2324/141 The Hub

**Resolved** to receive the following updates on the issues associated with the Hub and to agree the following actions:

- a) Electrical work: awaiting connection upgrade invoice prior to progress taking place.
- b) Maintenance of doors: approved the annual contract with Healthmatic.
- c) Request for changing of opening hours for public toilets: noted that the public toilet opening times have been changed from 9am to 8am under the Town Clerk's delegated powers, following requests from residents.

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