



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE & GENERAL
PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 26th JULY 2022
AT THE OFFICES OF BIGGLESWADE TOWN COUNCIL, THE OLD
COURT HOUSE, 4 SAFFRON ROAD, BIGGLESWADE
COMMENCING AT 6:30PM**



PRESENT:

Cllr R. Pullinger (Chairman)
Cllr M. Knight
Cllr G. Fage
Cllr M. North
Cllr H. Ramsay
Cllr D. Strachan

Mr P. Tarrant –Town Clerk & Chief Executive
Mr I. Lord – Place Shaping Manager
Mr R. Youngs – Finance Manager
Mrs S. van der Merwe – Deputy Administration & HR Manager

Members of the Public – 1

Meeting Formalities:

Following a reminder to meeting attendees, both panel and public, that this is a formal meeting, the Chairman advised that members of the public will be given an opportunity to speak during public open session but not at other times. The meeting is being filmed and by being present attendees are deemed to have agreed to be filmed and to the use of those images and sound recordings. The Chairman advised that attendees should not disclose any personal information of individuals as this would infringe the Data Protection Rights of the individual. The Chairman asked everyone to mute their microphones when not speaking.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M. Foster

ABSENT WITHOUT APOLOGIES

Cllr D. Albone, Cllr M. Russell, Cllr I. Bond.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. Disclosable Pecuniary interests in any agenda item

None.

b. Disclosable Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item

None.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Funding of CCTV Strategy & Christmas Lights

Mr Tarrant confirmed that Members are being asked to consider two issues at this Meeting:

- 1) To allow a sum of £25,000 to be drawn down from Rolling Capital to allow the Town Council to respond immediately to its CCTV strategy and purchase of equipment.
- 2) To draw down a maximum allowance of £4,000 for the Christmas Lights.

Cllr Knight asked if Officers are able to investigate costs for leasing of the lighting but if this is not an option then recommends proceeding as per the recommendation to draw down from the Reserve Capital Funding.

It was **RESOLVED** that the F&GP Committee **APPROVES** the draw down of Reserve Capital Funding up to £25,000 in the event the Town Council is unable to access S106 Funding from Central Bedfordshire Council towards the CCTV strategy.

It was **RESOLVED** that the F&GP Committee **APPROVES** the draw down of up to a maximum of £4,000 for the Christmas Lighting from the Reserve Capital Funding.

4. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

5. EXEMPT ITEMS

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council **resolve** to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

(None)

6. EXEMPT ITEMS

None.

The meeting was closed at 18:41.