

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at The Reading Rooms, 32 The Circle, Pinehurst, Swindon
on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 6.00pm.

- Present** Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Ray Ballman
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Dave Patey (Vice Chair)
Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr James Yeowell
- Virtual Attendees** Cllr Steph Exell (via MS Teams)
- Officers** Andrew Briggs (Estates Manager)
Andy Reeves (Clerk)
Jodie Smart (Head of Finance & Governance, via MS Teams)
- Public** Mr Ian Milne (representing the Penhill Walking Group)
- FGP112** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Exell.
- FGP113** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr J Ballman declared an interest as Member of HBUF of the RSPB.
- FGP114** **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2022 were reviewed and approved as a correct record of the meeting.
- FGP115** **Transaction Logs – December 2021**
Members noted that the Government Procurement Card (GPC) transaction logs for December 2021 had been checked by Cllr P Exell, as informed by Cllr S Exell.
- FGP116** **Budget Reports – January 2022**
Members noted the summary income and expenditure against budgets report to January 2022, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.
- FGP117** **Payments Lists**
Members noted the payment lists from January 2022, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.
- RESOLVED** to approve the payment list from January 2022 totalling £183,260.32
- FGP118** **Ward Allowance Update**
Members noted the balances of Ward Allowances at 24 February 2022, a copy of which

appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FGP119

Ward Allowance Requests

Members considered the Ward Allowance requests from Members as follows:

Cllr K Small, £4,000.00 for bollards (including installation) at Rodbourne shopping area. The remaining ward allowance to be allocated to Percy Street green space.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr K Small may use up to £4,000.00 of his ward allowance for bollards at Rodbourne shopping area with any remaining ward allowance allocated to Percy Street green space.

Cllr D Patey, up to £1,000.00 for two litter bins within Gorse Hill Ward and £2,500.00 towards CCTV at Gorse Hill Community Centre.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr D Patey may use up to £1,000.00 of his ward allowance for two bins within the Gorse Hill Ward and £2,500.00 towards CCTV at Gorse Hill Community Centre.

Cllr R Ballman, £3,104.00 for play equipment and access ramp at Edinburgh Street Play Area.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr R Ballman may use £3,104.00 of her ward allowance for play equipment and access ramp at Edinburgh Street Play Area.

Cllr P Baker, up to £500.00 for a bin at Alton Close Play Area.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr P Baker may use up to £500.00 of his ward allowance for a bin at Alton Close Play Area.

Cllr J Yeowell, up to £1,000.00 for two bins at Harcourt Road Play Area and Cobden Green.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr J Yeowell may use up to £1,000.00 of his ward allowance for two bins at Harcourt Road Play Area and Cobden Green.

Cllr M Lucas, up to £2,000.00 for repairs and improvements to the Moredon and Rodbourne Cheney Library garden with any remaining balance allocated to the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area reserve.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr M Lucas may use up to £2,000.00 for repairs and improvements to the Rodbourne Cheney Library garden and any remaining balance be allocated to the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area reserve.

Cllr I Edwards, up to £1,000.00 for two bins at Pembroke Gardens.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr I Edwards may use up to £1,000.00 of his ward allowance for two bins at Pembroke Gardens.

The Chair approved the addition of the following two requests.

Cllr T Araujo, £5,000.00 towards the flood lighting at St Marks Tennis Courts.

Cllr S Exell left the online session during the discussion and vote on this item.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr T Araujo may use £5,000.00 of her ward allowance towards flood lighting at St Marks Tennis Courts.

Cllr J Ballman, £1,000.00 for the container used at the Pinehurst Circle for youth club activities.

RESOLVED to approve that Cllr J Ballman may use £1,000.00 for the container used at the Pinehurst Circle for youth club activities.

Cllr S Exell returned to online session.

FGP120

Grant Application

Members noted the grant application (a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book) and verbal presentation from Mr Ian Milne of the Penhill Walking Group.

RESOLVED to approve the grant application for £350.00 to Penhill Walking Group for the hire of John Moulton Hall.

FGP121

Ear Marked Reserve and Capital Project Update

Members noted balance of Ear Marked Reserves as at 31 January 2021, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members noted the report of the Head of Finance and Governance regarding the capital projects update, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED:

- That the Asset Survey (325), Community Centre-Minor (326) and Changing Rooms – Minor (327) reserves be merged into one Capital Building Works reserve.
- That the report is noted and Members consider the funds for reallocation following Year End closure.
- That the Environment & Planning Committee consider the viability of the grasscrete project.
- That the Community Wellbeing Committee consider the viability or next steps to progress the Moredon Youth Hub project.

FGP122

Budget Review and Year End Update

Members noted the report of the Head of Finance and Governance regarding the budget review and year end update, a copy of which appears at Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Head of Finance and Governance informed Members that the NJC April 2021 pay rise had been agreed at 1.75% after the issuing of the agenda papers so the projected underspend is likely to increase.

Members requested that a further update be presented at the April Committee meeting.

ACTION: Head of Finance and Governance to provide an updated budget review and year end update at the April Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm

Signed.....

Date.....
Chair of the Council