

27. TDM BUDGET

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 1, being draft TDM budget for 2024-25 totalling £25k.

The TDM went through the budget line by line. Cllrs queried £2.5k Hire of the Quaker Hall for Cookery Classes, stating this needed to be funded by grant/Coastal Medical Partnership who originally mooted the idea of healthy eating as part of their Social Prescriber initiative. Video Promotion of New Milton was deemed a good idea - Cllrs suggested £2.5k. Similarly, Contingency at the end was also halved. Overall, a budget reduction of £7.5k from £25k.

It was then,

RECOMMENDED:

That revised TDM Budget of £17.5k be incorporated as part of the Finance Budget.

28. YOUTH BUDGET

The Town Clerk referred to Appendix 2, being draft Youth budget for 2024-25 totalling £50k.

The Youth Services Co-ordinator went through the budget line by line. Cllrs queried £18k support for New Milton Youth Trust, to transition the drop-in service currently provided by ASBOC at the Empire Skate Building on the Rec, stating this needed to be funded by a grant aid request from NMYT who have just raised a request for £10k to cover the period January - March 2024. An overall reduction in Youth Budget of £18k from £50k was agreed.

It was then,

RECOMMENDED:

That revised Youth Budget of £32k be incorporated as part of the Finance Budget.

29. F&GP BUDGET

Based on revised budgets for TDM and Youth Services as above, it was

RECOMMENDED: That the F&GP Committee Budget for 2024-2025 be £638,919 having previously agreed the Amenities Budget for 2024-2025 in the sum of £720,010 the total, combined budget for F&GP/Amenities proposed for 2024-2025 is £1,358,929

30. FREEDOM OF TOWN

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3 - Freedom of the Town awards protocol for eminent service and long service plaques for retiring Cllrs who complete two or more terms in office. It was agreed to include both items in private session at the next Town Council meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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