

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 15.00 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

Councillors: p K E Craze – Chairman p B Murrow – Vice Chairman
 p G R Blunden D N Tungate
 p S J Clarke

In attendance: Cllrs D Hawkins, A D O’Sullivan

Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk Silma Ramsaywack - YSM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this second, budget meeting for 2023-24 of the Executives. Members observed a minute’s silence in memory Betty Tungate, wife of Councillor Neil Tungate.

35. APOLOGIES – Cllr D N Tungate

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members have a general dispensation to discuss budgets and set a precept for 2023-24.

37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

38. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 October 2022.

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 28 October 2022 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

39. MATTERS ARISING

There was an online meeting yesterday with David Stevenson of Double H and his agent about Strategic Site H, by way of update regarding their application for 178 homes off Gore Road.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Clarke, Blunden, Hawkins and Reid plus the Planning Clerk, the Town Clerk and Town Development Manager. The agent covered several aspects of outline application revisions recently requested by New Forest District Council, including:

- a) Extra play spaces, to go into the southeast and southwest areas of open space. It was not known if they would need to be formal or informal spaces.
- b) Pedestrian connectivity to Fawcetts Field only, contrary to the Vision Plan most recent draft dated March 2022 which included cycle access. Cycle access would necessitate the Fawcetts Trim Trail surface to be altered in width and covering.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) An email confirming our LASER utility contract with HCC for electricity and gas has now been extended to March 2025. Therefore, through this period we will continue to pay around 30% less than current market rates.
- b) An email from our Youth Services Manager explaining that an advert has been placed on Facebook for a youth worker to help with the Wednesday evening youth club at the Memorial Hall before it returns to Ashley next year some time.

Silma explained that another youth worker is needed to cover sickness and holidays. We currently have 3 youth workers who are old enough to have obtained a youth work qualification and worked in the field, but this is not something that is common.

This new person would not be a Senior Youth Worker in charge of the youth club but will ensure we have sufficient numbers of youth workers required on club night. Medium-term, over the next 6 months or so, Silma is willing to assist on Wednesday evenings.

Longer-term, the Town Council will have to decide what level of input would be needed in the future. It was agreed this matter would be discussed further at the next Execs.

41. FEES & CHARGES

Town Clerk referred to Annex A Version 1 being proposed Fees & Charges for 2023-2024.

Members went through this page by page, noting proposed inflation rate of 5% was used. Following this, and discussion of some operational issues and rounding up of some fees members asked that a 10% inflationary increase be applied to Fees & Charges for 2023/24.

Subject to the above

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That Schedule of Fees & Charges for 2023/24 be endorsed by Amenities Committee.

42. COMMITTEE BUDGETS

Subject to some minor amendments, arising from the above review of Fees & Charges, Committee Budgets for 2023/2024 were endorsed for consideration by the standing committees, being Amenities on 28 November 2022 and F&GP on 19 December 2022.

Subject to the above

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That Committee Budgets for 2023/24 be endorsed by relevant standing committees.

43. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS – Reserves, CIL and s.106 monies will be discussed at next meeting.

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Next Execs Meeting **Monday 5 December 2022 at 2.30pm**

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 4.10 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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