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Minutes of a meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 26th June 2023 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7:10pm.

Present:

Cllr. G. Collins	
Cllr. S. Hetherington	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	Vice Chair
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	Chair
Cllr. A. Osibogun	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	
Cllr. M. Try	
Cllr. R. Willett	

Also present:

Ms. L. Stubbs	Deputy Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk

Absent:

Cllr. Harvey
Cllr. Schaefer
Cllr. Whyte

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session.

116/23 Election of Chair

Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, Seconded by Cllr. Mahi to elect Cllr. O'Donoghue as Chair of the Resources Committee for 2023-2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Ralph to elect Cllr. Harvey as Chair of the Resources Committee for 2023-2024. No Secunder.

Members unanimously **AGREED** to elect Cllr. O'Donoghue as Chair of the Resources Committee for 2023-2024.

117/23 Election of Vice Chair

Proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue, Seconded by Cllr. Mahi and unanimously **AGREED** to elect Cllr. Mordue as Chair of the Resources Committee for 2023-2024.

118/23 Apologies for absence

Members received apologies for absence from Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Schaefer and Cllr. Whyte.

119/23 Declarations of interest

There were none.

120/23 Minutes of last meeting

Members received and accepted the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 15th May 2023.

121/23 Terms of Reference

Members noted the Terms of Reference for the Resources Committee, as agreed by Full Council.

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DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

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PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, or equalities considerations, other than those stated in the minutes.

Initial.....

122/23 Budgets

Members received and agreed the budget reports:

122/23.1 Summary Income and Expenditure report.

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that the Swan Trail budget lines have been separated from general events sponsorship. They will report back to Members with a detailed explanation. **ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

The Deputy Town Clerk clarified that the 139.7% spent (262 parks general) is for the new play area, which has now been repaid by s106.

Cllr. Mordue left the meeting at 19:21.

122/23.2 Detailed Income and Expenditure report and summary of budget variances.

122/23.3 Purchase Ledger from May and June 2023.

123/23 Grants report

Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Members accept the change of use and grant Project Street Life £518 in 2023, £536 in 2024 and £554 in 2025 in line with their original successful application. Members expressed sadness at the reduction in numbers and session closures at Project Street Life. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the office has received end of year monitoring reports from Project Street Life and that these are all in order.

Cllr. Try Proposed that this should be reevaluated at the next grant meeting, Seconded by Cllr. Collins.

Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that we delay the decision and request further information from Project Street Life. Cllr. O'Donoghue Seconded. Cllr. Try agreed to withdraw his Proposal and offered his support for Cllr. Stuchbury's Proposal.

A vote was taken, and the result was:

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstentions: 2

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

124/23 Civility and respect

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Officer and Deputy Town Clerk.

It is RECOMMENDED that the Resources Committee recommend to Full Council that Buckingham Town Council agree, to sign the joint NALC/SLCC Civility and Respect Pledge and the "Councillor-Officer protocol" once all requirements are met.

It is RECOMMENDED that the Resources Committee recommend to Full Council that a future Full Council agenda item be requested to consider writing to the local MP asking that they back Early Day Motion 611 and have it discussed in parliament or that councillors write as individuals.

Members raised the following points:

- Some of the language felt patronising as the Code of Conduct already exists and is in place.

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- This will reaffirm Councillors' values and show solidarity with other councils, setting an example to those councils that are lacking.
- Would any changes to policies in order to comply with the Civility and Respect pledge follow the usual approval process?
- Is the pledge legal and binding or a goodwill gesture?

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that agreeing to recommend to Full Council that the Council sign up to the pledge would not mean any change in policies without going through committee for consultation and approval.

A vote on the recommendations was taken, with a caveat that the recommendations be debated again at Full Council:

For: 6
Against: 2
Abstention: 1

125/23 Compliments, complaints, and FOI

Members noted the compliments, complaints, and FOI log.

11/1/23 – part of the complaint is missing. This will be amended.

ACTION COMMITTEE CLERK

The Chair and Members sent thanks to the Office Administrator for their work in dealing with the complaints.

126/23 Quarterly reconciliations

Members noted that the Vice-Chair of Resources will inspect the quarterly banking reconciliations, as they are not a signatory.

127/23 Additional transactions

Music in the Market expenditure: Members noted that the sum of £2,411.25 was paid to Music in the Market as an emergency payment (before being signed off by Councillor signatories) under the authority of the Town Clerk and the Scheme of Delegation. This was because Music in the Market needed the money immediately to secure the event.

128/23 Updates from representatives on outside bodies

There were no updates.

129/23 Action Report

Members reviewed and noted the Action Report.

130/23 Fund Transfers

Members noted that there have been no relevant transfers.

131/23 Chair's announcements

No announcements.

132/23 Date of next meeting: Monday 4th September 2023

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COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of public and press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

Cllr. Try left the meeting at 20:13 due to prejudicial interests.

133/23 Payment endorsements

Members noted the completed payments list.

134/23 Debtors list

Members received the current list of debtors over 3 months old, and received a verbal update on changes since the agenda was issued.

The Deputy Town Clerk will investigate how Members can put forward information about suppliers if required.

ACTION DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Meeting closed at 20:27

Signed Date

