



REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 12TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM.

Membership: Councillors J. Ling (Committee Chairman), Mrs P. Furness (Deputy Mayor), S. Bowman, D. Wallace (Town Mayor), Mrs S. Coote, G. Bonner (Depitty Committee Chairman) & Mrs J. Danagher.

Present: Councillors D.Wallace, P.Furness, J.Ling, S.Coote, J.Danagher, G.Bonner & S.Bowman.

Officer in attendance: Jill Jones (Town Clerk)

Also present: Councillor G.Waite.

340. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies, all present.

341. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NOTICE OF ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

No declarations.

342. TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN (INFORMATION ONLY).

The Chairman stated that he had nothing to report.

343. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER 2022.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes are a true record, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

344. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAYS.

The Chairman stated that everyone is aware of the ATF scheme. It was noted that there are extensive pot holes. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Councillor expressing the Council's concern with regard to pot holes.

Councillors referred to an email from a High Street resident regarding the parking on the High Street causing obstruction. It was agreed to wait until Herts County Council discuss Phase 2 of the ATF, the Town Council need to be part of early discussion.

345. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANOR HOUSE.

EHCAS has asked if they may install a key safe at the rear entrance containing a back door key and an office key to enable access to staff and volunteers who do not hold keys.

The Clerk was asked to ask EHCAS when they need access and how many people this is likely to be.

346. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS RELATING TO THE SETH WARD COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Further discussion was held on the issue of a replacement staircase from the Bunters Suite. It was noted that Council had previously agreed up to £15,000 for this, but this is insufficient.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council approves a spend of £20,346.67 for a replacement staircase and refurbishment of the balustrade.

It was noted that this work needs to be completed before the Coronation event, or works delayed until after the event.

347. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED INCLUDING REQUEST FROM RATS FOR USE OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it
RESOLVED

That RATS may have the use of the Council Chamber for a fund raising dog first aid event.

348. FINAL CONSIDERATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET PRIOR TO APPROVAL AT THE END OF JANUARY.

It was agreed to refer the budget to Full Council for final approval at the end of January.

349. TO CONFIRM CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE LGPS PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL POOLING AGREEMENT.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was
RESOLVED

That this Council participates in the Parish and Town Council pool for LGPS.

350. S106 OUTDOOR SPORTS - REPORT

Councillor Wallace reported that planning permission has now been granted for the pump track and a Council meeting was held to re-affirm the Council's agreement to proceed. A meeting has been held with the contractor who has indicated a 7% uplift in the cost since the original quote. A contingency has been built into the project which will cover this increase. It's hoped that work will start in early March. There is tree work to be undertaken at the playing field but this is not connected to the pump track works.

There is a meeting next Tuesday with the contractor to sign off the playground works at Hare Street Road Playing Field.

351. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

The Chairman reported that there has not been a recent meeting. There was an informal meeting where it was suggested that the Town Council should speak with the Twinning Association and ascertain whether the twinning should be starting again.

352. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY.

Councillor Bonner reported that there is a meeting next Tuesday. The charity has recently assisted a resident in need.

Meeting closed 20.16

Next meeting: Thursday 9th February 2023 7.30pm at The Manor House.