



**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF BUNTINGFORD TOWN
COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MANOR HOUSE, BUNTINGFORD ON 8TH
DECEMBER 2022 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 & Mrs J. Danagher.

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

Officer in attendance: Jill Jones (Town Clerk) & Alex Georgiou (Admin Officer)

Also present: Councillor G. Waite.

299. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies from Councillor G. Bonner - apologies approved.

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

No declarations.

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

The Chairman stated that he has nothing to report that will not be covered in the meeting.

302. TO RECEIVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AS A TRUE RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH NOVEMBER 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.

303. TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES RELATING TO HIGHWAYS INCLUDING ANY UPDATES ON THE ATF WORKS IN LONDON ROAD.

The ATF works and associated road closures and parking restrictions are suspended until 3rd Jan 2023. It was reported that the works are progressing well and look to have made a difference. It was reiterated that the scheme is not just a cycle path and will enhance the whole road. It was suggested that the Phoenix project needs to be looked at again in the near future.

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

It was reported that CAB have moved in to the previously unoccupied office on the ground floor. Councillor Ling and Councillor Mrs Furness agreed to look at improvements to the Manor House in the new year.

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

The fire escape stairs have been discussed on numerous occasions. Quotes have been received; however, it was suggested that the issue is deferred until the January meeting to give everyone a chance to properly inspect the quotes.

306. TO CONSIDER ANY GRANT REQUESTS RECEIVED INCLUDING REQUEST FROM JACQUI SMITH.

The request from Jacqui Smith is for an exercise class to take place in the Buntingford Social Club. It was noted that this request was rejected at the last meeting due to the event taking place in Hormead, the event has now moved to Buntingford. There were still concerns with exactly what the grant would be used for, but ultimately the event is free to the community. It was suggested that if the Council did have other concerns, they should have been pointed out when the original

application was rejected.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council grant £275 for an 8-week exercise course, but require details of attendees and feedback on the course.

Councillor Wallace reported that he and the Clerk had met with Churches Together to discuss warm spaces in Buntingford. It was suggested that the Council should get involved. Councillor Wallace and the Clerk have suggested the Manor House can be a designated warm space 1 day a week, and the churches will do the other days. Councillor Wallace requested up to £500 be budgeted for banners and consumables to ensure the warm spaces can be run.

It was suggested that the money would be for a very good cause and it was asked if £500 would be enough. Councillor Wallace stated that if more money was needed he would request more in the future, however it was believed that £500 would be sufficient.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council grant up to £500 towards warm spaces in Buntingford.

307. THIRD CONSIDATION OF 2023/2024 BUDGET

Following receipt of the tax base figure, additional funds have been allocated to Salaries and Tree Maintenance. The average Band D will be £97.62 maintaining last year's figures. The final budget will be approved in January.

A question was asked as to why postage has not changes since last year even though postage costs have increased. The Clerk explained that the Council do not use as much post as it has in previous years, more is sent online now.

308. S106 OUTDOOR SPORTS - REPORT

It was reported that planning for the pump track has now been approved. There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Council in January to discuss the pump track.

The play area at Hare Street Road is progressing well and is expected to be completed in the next few days. Part of this upgrade is funded from S106 contributions, the money for this has been approved, but not yet received.

The Freman 3G application is nearly ready to be submitted.

309. TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE TWINNING ASSOCIATION.

There has been a social event for the twinning association today, however there is no committee anymore as many people have left. There is still a number of people that wish to re-group the twinning association. It was suggested that a member of the twinning association comes to update the Council each month, rather than a council member being a representative on the twinning association.

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

The charity are currently helping a family in need in the town, it is suspected that more people will need help in the near future.

Meeting closed at 20:09

Next meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023 7.30pm at The Manor House.