

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Callington Council Chambers

27th September 2022 at 6:30pm

Minutes

PRESENT: BROOKS (SB), COAKLEY (MC), GOLD (KG), MOORE (MM), POUND (SP) & TOLMAN (CHAIR) (ST)

OFFICERS TOWN CLERK (TC), ADMINISTRATIONS OFFICER

	Minutes	Action
1.	APOLOGIES Cllrs Long, Morgan, Smith, Tagg & Watson.	
2.	MINUTES Approval of the minutes of 28th June 2022. The Clerk reported that the agenda had incorrectly stated the 'approval of the minutes of 26 th July 2022'. She informed the committee that no meeting was held on this date and that the correct date of minutes for approval was those of the meeting of 28 th June 2022, which had been circulated with the agenda. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Moore seconded by Cllr Coakley and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the 28 th June 2022 as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3.	MATTERS ARISING None	
4.	DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct Cllr Gold for item 8	
5.	DISPENSATIONS None	
6.	FOR DECISION - to approve and adopt the Committee Terms of Reference The Terms of reference had previously been circulated. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Pound and unanimously agreed to accept the committee Terms of Reference.	TC
7.	FOR DECISION - to consider an application for financial support from Callington Arts and Produce Show. A discussion took place and Cllr Gold reported that the Arts and Produce Show had been well attended; she thanked the organisers for putting on the show and for their support towards the community. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Gold seconded by Cllr Pound and unanimously agreed to award Callington Arts and Produce Show £300 towards the running of the show.	TC/RFO
8.	FOR DECISION - To discuss the charges to and from Callington Lions Club relating to their support towards the Town Council and associated events RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Pound seconded by Cllr Moor and agreed to proceed with the	RFO

	proposals as in previous years. (5 support, 1 abstention (KG))	
9.	<p>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</p> <p>Cllr Tolman, as Deputy Portreeve, and a member of the community, voiced her concerns about the spending aspirations of some Councillors and Staff in recent months. She went on to say that the recent 'emergency' spending could result in a rise in the precept. If this continued then the Council would have no choice but to look at what is being spent in other areas. She went on to say that people of the Parish are facing hardship, the area was considered to be one of the most deprived areas in the County with many on minimum wage or zero hours contracts, and that the Foodbank had never been so busy.</p> <p>She felt that during this time of crisis with the cost of living elevated, spending should be kept at a minimum whilst continuing to provide essential services and dealing with genuine emergencies. In these times of hardship the Council must carefully consider its spending and do what is best for the local community.</p>	
	Date of next meeting 25 th October 2022	
	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6:38pm	

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