



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Callington Council Chambers

28th March 2023 at 6:30pm

Minutes

PRESENT: BROOKS (SB), COAKLEY (MC), TOLMAN (PORTREEVE)(CHAIR) (ST) , WARD (PW), LONG (AL), POUND (SP)

OFFICERS TOWN CLERK (TC)

	Minutes	Action
1.	APOLOGIES Cllr Gold	
2.	MINUTES Approval of the minutes of 28 th February 2023. RESOLVED. Proposed by Cllr Pound seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes 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 None	
5.	DISPENSATIONS None	
6.	FOR DECISION - Lone Worker device monitoring – to consider the renewal of the contract. The Town Clerk had previously circulated the renewal quote for the 24/7 monitoring of the 10 x Lone Working devices, amounting to just over £5k. The Town Clerk and Operations Manager had discussed the possibility of reducing the number of devices by half, thus potentially halving the monitoring fee. OS staff, caretakers and the Operations Manager would be provided with a device. Administration staff very rarely worked on their own and there were alternative safety measures in place for within the office environment. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Tolman seconded by Cllr Coakley and unanimously agreed to reduce the number of devices to five. *Cllr Long arrived	OM/TC
7.	FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – Mural Trail leaflet update The Clerk reported that she had met with the local art gallery owner, Carolyn Wixon, who had expressed an interest in rejuvenating the Mural Trail Leaflet.	

	<p>Discussions involved layout, text etc. It was agreed that grant funding would be sourced to cover printing costs and printing quotes would be obtained. She would like to get a student photographer involved in photographing all the murals and the Clerk queried if there would be a small remuneration available to pay a photographer, in the region of £50.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Pound seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously agreed to make funds, in the region of £50, available for a photographer.</p>	TC
8.	<p>FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION – to consider a grant application from the Royal British Legion for £345 to cover the hall hire and decoration for their Coronation Black Tie event</p> <p>The Clerk had previously circulated the grant application form. Discussions took place with regard to this event being a ticketed event with profits likely to be made.</p> <p>* Cllr Smith arrived</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Brooks seconded by Cllr Long and agreed to, regretfully, decline the grant request. The decision was made due to the Town Council's financial constraints alongside the fact that a large number of Coronation events were being planned which will be free to the public and the Council felt it was these events that would require the financial support. (1 abstention)</p>	TC
9.	<p>ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS - for information only</p> <p>Cllr Ward reported that she had received a request from a member of the public for more dog waste bins in the town, especially on South Hill Road, and queried if this was the Town Council's responsibility. It was explained that dog waste can be disposed of in any waste bin now as well as household waste. Cllr Long explained that purchasing a bin from Cornwall Council and arranging for the regular emptying of it would be costly, an expense that the Town Council would have to incur.</p> <p>The principal of dog waste bins was not supported in rural area and, therefore, a request to purchase one could be opposed by Cornwall Council.</p> <p>It was advised that the person making the request take the waste home and dispose of it in their weekly household waste collection.</p>	
	Date of next meeting 25 th April 2023	
	There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6.46pm	