

# A MEETING OF ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00pm AT GLOBE HOUSE, PRIORY ROAD, ALCESTER

### Present

Cllr V Blake (Mayor), Cllr M Bowe (Deputy Mayor), Cllr G Forman and Cllr K Cargill.

In attendance Mrs V Lowe, Town Clerk

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

# 1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr E Randle.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest on agenda items.

# 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting had been signed at Full Council.

# 4. Finance Issues

- **a.** The monthly management accounts which had been circulated in advance were approved.
- b. The Town Clerk presented projected figures for the remainder of the financial year plus a proposed budget for 2024-25. The figures had been circulated in advance of the meeting and the Town Clerk responded to questions raised. It was agreed that the Community Grants budget should be increased from £10,000 to £12,000. The budget was agreed.
- c. It was agreed to put a proposition to Full Council that a precept of £369,340 was requested from Stratford-on-Avon District Council for the year 2024-2025.
- **d.** Allotment payments continue to be received. Only 50% have been renewed so far there appears to be an issue with some allotment holders not reading emails. This is the first year that renewals have been organised online.
- **e.** The sum of £41,714.48 had been received as s106 funds for public open space relating to the southern section of the Bloor Homes development. It was intended to use this to complete the resurfacing of the remaining footpaths at Jubilee Fields/Weir Fields.
- The outstanding rent demands had been received from C G Corbett & Son for the first two quarters' rent on the ATFC land. These had been paid and the football club had paid the equivalent rent due under their sublease. The documentation for the extension to the leases are still with the various solicitors.
- **g.** The sum of £2168 had been raised for the H&WB Partnership family day trip next year as the proceeds of the bingo night at The Greig Hall.
- **h.** The work to replace the water pipe at the EPCC was being undertaken and should be finished this week.
- i. The licence to the Riverside Fishing Club to manage the fishing rights on ATC land expires at the end of January 2024. It was agreed to renew the licence for a further 3 years. The Town Clerk will contact the Club to progress the paperwork.

## 5. Volunteer Policy

The Town Clerk had reviewed the Volunteer Policy and had proposed amendments which were agreed. There will be a proposition to Full Council to adopt the updated policy.

### 6. Propositions to Full Council

There are propositions from the Committee at 4c and 5.

The meeting was then closed by the Mayor.