

Hunstanton Town Council

Minutes of the Finance & Property Management (F & PM) Committee Meeting held in the Town Hall Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs: Williamson (Chair), Smith, Corby, Croucher, Ruston, Howard, Easeman

Also Present: Jan Roomes Town Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence received from Cllrs: Barber, Bishopp & Kidd.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no members declarations of interest.

3. Minutes - confirmation of

The minutes of the Finance & Property Management Committee meeting held 13th November '24. Were confirmed and signed as a true record (Cllr Ruston seconded Cllr Corby, 7 for/1 abstention).

4. Community Centre Project

4.1 Cllr Cribb gave a brief update

4.2 Members received the minutes from the previous meeting:

Recommendations taken together_(proposed Cllr Ruston, seconded Cllr Corby, unanimous)

RECOMMENDATION: HTC to approve concept design.

RECOMMENDATION: HTC to approve above going out for second survey.

RECOMMENDATION: HTC to approve going ahead with submitting pre-planning application.

5. Events

5.1 Carnival & Christmas— a lengthy discussion took place regarding the issues at the 2024 Christmas Festival. Cllr Cribb suggested if there was a nominated cllr to liaise with businesses this could have been avoided. Members suggested other groups should be considered to have a HTC representative. Clerk advised this was a matter for discussion at a future meeting, members to email her with their suggestions.

Cllr Croucher suggested plans proceed for the Carnival, businesses be asked if they would support the event financially and voluntarily. If a substantial amount of funding had not been received by March 28th, HTC would issue a press release stating 'the Carnival has been cancelled due to lack of community support'.

The Clerk advised no plans should commence on the 2 events until a resolution had been made in Full Council.

Members considered if the Carnival & Christmas events should remain under HTC umbrella.

RECOMMENDATION: (Cllr Croucher, seconded Cllr Williamson, unanimous) the 2 events to remain under HTC umbrella subject to securing funding and volunteers at least 3 months in advance for each event.

The Clerk suggested an Events Committee be considered at a future meeting for all events to come under.

5.2 Consideration was given to holding a Town meeting to discuss business/groups involvement with future town events (VE Day/Carnival/Christmas). Members voted unanimous against this.

5.3 VE Day – Cllr Williamson gave a detailed report of the events planned for VE Day.

5.4 Venue Events T & F Group had not met, nothing to consider.

6. Budget/Estimate Figures 1st April 2024 – 31st December 2024

Members received the budget/estimate figures 1st April 2024 – 31st December 2024 and were advised to email Cllr Bishopp or the Clerk with any questions members may have.

Remaining funds in the Christmas 2024 budget to be transferred to the VE Day celebrations events.

Funds in the Helping Hands budget to cover the cost of the Fish & Chip lunch for the elderly (part of the VE Day 80th celebrations).

7. Allotments

Cllr Barber not present, this agenda item moved to next Full Council meeting.

8. BC 50/50 CIL Funding

No projects for 50/50 CIL funding presented.

9. Christmas Lights – Town

Meeting to be requested with Dave Morton to discuss further.

10. HTC Action Plan

No actions at present, Clerk & Cllr Bishopp to discuss new financial plan when time permits.

Meeting closed 7.06pm