BROADSTAIRS & ST PETER'S TOWN COUNCIL

# **Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council**

# FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

# Monday 6 January 2023 at midday in The Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Cllrs B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks (chairman) RK Binks, M Garner, D Saunders & M Saunders,

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

### 46. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were received and accepted from Cllrs J Buckley due to work commitments.

#### 47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received

#### 48. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

The Chairman reminded those present of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

#### 49. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 31 October 2023. **RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.** 

# 50. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE None

#### 51. MINUTES OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Members received the draft minutes of the Environment sub-committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2023 and considered any recommendations therein.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note** 

# 52. VIKING BAY LIFT

The Town Clerk reported that she had met with TDC officers to discuss options for opening the lift during the winter months. The officers were working on training, insurance and service level agreements and would notify the Town Council when they are ready to move ahead. Councillors noted arrangements with Your Leisure would also need to be clarified.

# 53. ASSET REGISTER

Members considered whether a re-evaluation of the Council's assets was due. The last valuation had been carried out in 2018.

# **RESOLVED:** That Canterbury Auction Galleries be asked to undertake a valuation exercise for insurance purposes.

### 54. VAT

Members received a draft letter offering advice and checked it for factual accuracy as requested by the consultant.

# **RESOLVED:** That the letter is factually correct and can be issued to the Council as a final document.

The following item was discussed after a resolution to exclude the public under standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

#### 55. BUDGET 2023/24

Members received a copy of the spreadsheet which the working group had developed and considered potential underspends and topping up of reserves. **RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk will make the agreed amendments and forecasts in order to present a completed budget to the committee at the next meeting.** 

*Members of the public – had any been in attendance – would have been permitted to reenter the meeting* 

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 30 January in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 12.55 pm

Signed

Date\_\_\_\_\_