

# OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the meeting of Olney Town Council Finance Committee held Monday 17 August 2021 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllr Brown (Chairman), Cllr Geach, Cllr Rodden, Cllr Pibworth, Cllr Hall, Cllr Geary, Cllr Aldred, Cllr Hall

**In attendance:** minutes by Cllr Geach

There were no statements received from members of the public.

### **FIN21/26 To receive apologies for absence**

**Resolved:** Cllr Geary and Cllr Aldred were not present. No apologies were received.

### **FIN21/27 To receive any declarations of interests**

**Resolved:** Cllr Pibworth declared an interest in item FIN21/28

### **FIN21/28 To approve the draft minutes from the Finance Committee meeting of 12 July 2021**

**Resolved:** the minutes were approved as a true and correct record

### **FIN21/28 To receive additional information on an existing grant application**

A ORFC representative outlined the project and that the total cost is in the region of £150k. ORFC have already raised £60k. They have asked for a grant from the Community Fund for £3k to go towards additional changing room facilities and are hoping to start work in September. ORFC left room whilst the Committee discussed the application.

**Resolved:** it was felt by the Committee that the grant criteria had been met. Cllr Geach proposed that the grant be recommended to full council, seconded by Cllr Brown. This was approved.

### **FIN21/29 To agree a communication plan to raise awareness of OTC grants**

It was discussed that the funds in the Community fund pot should be used. OTC wishes that as many local community projects are supported as possible.

AG250 was discussed and it was concluded that no monies were ringfenced however interested parties were encouraged to apply for any related activities which will be considered in line with the grants policy.

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**Resolved:** It was proposed that the grants policy with regard to dates of application be suspended for this year to allow further grant applications to be made and for this to be publicised to the residents of Olney. Proposed by Cllr Brown Seconded by Cllr Geach resolved unanimously.

## **FIN21/30 To receive information about applying for an Infrastructure fund and Petsoe End Windfarm fund**

Cllr Geach updated the committee on the proposed application to community infrastructure fund in respect of applying for fund allocation towards CCTV which would have to be match funded by Olney Town Council.

Cllr Geach updated the committee on the Petsoe End Windfarm fund which provide grants towards the local community in respect of environmental projects e.g., solar panels and the provision of electric car points.

**Resolved:** that Cllr Geach submit an application to the Community Infrastructure fund for CCTV fund allocation with a view to progressing at a later date. It was further resolved that Cllr Geach to explore provision of electric car points and solar panels for council buildings with a view to submitting a grant application at a later date.

## **FIN21/31 To receive a budget update**

Salary costs were discussed including the Acting Clerks ex gratia payment. It was agreed that Cllr Brown, Geach discuss with Cllr Rodden to finalise

**Resolved:** noted

## **FIN21/32 Debtors Report**

**Resolved:** noted