



Finance, Operations and Personnel Committee Meeting

Monday 16th September 2024 at 630pm

Meeting held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, WS12 4EP

Present:

Cllr Ronald Turville (Chair)
Cllr Arthur Roden
Cllr Ann Turville
Cllr Shelia Cartwright
Cllr Alan Pearson
Cllr Garry Samuels
Cllr Shirley Pearson

In attendance from Hednesford Town Council:

Lindsey Smith – Chief Officer
Cheryl Kinsella – Finance Officer

Members of the Public:

There were no members of the public present

1. Apologies:

Cllr D Cartwright
Cllr L Harrison
Cllr P Jones

2. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interests were raised

3. Previous Minutes

Previous minutes from the FOP Committee meeting held on 17th June 2024 were agreed and approved

Proposed: Cllr A Pearson
Second: Cllr A Turville
Agreed: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

5. Finance

A discussion took place regarding information required from Council/Committees for the budget for 2025/2026 and a desire to keep the budget within the current precept

The RFO shared copies of the budget up until end of August 2024 and informed that decisions were required on the highlighted items by the deadline date already issued of 9am on 30th September 2024

Chief Officer advised that Committee can convene a working group and of intention to bring a draft to full council on 15th October 2024

Committee advised that they wish to call an Extraordinary FOP meeting for further discussion prior to taking to full council and requested that the draft is to go to full council on 26th November 2024

Committee requested an update from Community Support Officer on an update of Community grants for 2024 and how these had been spent

Action: Deadline for initial budget submission by 9am on 30th September. Chief Officer and RFO to pull information together into a draft budget. Chair of FOP to call Extraordinary FOP Committee meeting once this has been done to discuss further

Action: Chief Officer to request Community Officer to provide Community Grants overview report at next full council meeting on 15th October 2024

6. Operations

a. Following a brief discussion a structure and date for the Annual Town Assembly was agreed

Proposed: Cllr A Turville

Second: Cllr A Pearson

Agreed: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Action: Annual Town Assembly to take place on Friday 16th May 2025

b. The motion to move to private and confidential business was not upheld due to no members of the public being in attendance

Private and Confidential Business

A lengthy and detailed discussion took place about proposed solutions to the demands that the community centre places upon Officers and how this distracts from Council business

The Chief Officer outlined what is required to manage the demands and several options were discussed in detail

Action: Chief Officer and RFO to pull together second cost analysis based on conversations held and bring back to Extraordinary FOP meeting – date to be agreed

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th September 2024 at 630pm

Meeting Closed at 7:59pm

Signed (Chair of FOPs Committee):

Date: