**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

**Cllr Chris Church, Chairman**

**Present**

**Councillors** David Whipp, Callum Hird, John Spencer, Tom Whipp, Mandy Boardman, Mick Strickland, David Greaves,Jodie Greaves & Mike Whittingham

**23/73 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Marjorie Adams, Gillian Robinson, Emma West & Angela Moran

**23/74 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**Resolved**: To note this information

**23/75 Open Forum**

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.(youtube was not live due to connectivity issues)

**23/76 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 8th November 2023 be approved as a correct record

**23/77 Committee/Working Group Reports**

1. **General Purposes – 13th December 2023**
2. **HR Panel – 13th December 2023**

 **Resolved:** Cllr D Whipp commented on item 23/28 relating to the damage to the ceiling at Victory Park. This leak has now been repaired and the Clerk has instructed to have emergency work done to remove and dispose of the damaged ceiling. The Council authorise the Clerk to have the ceiling re-instated. To note the recommendations from the HR Panel.

**23/78 Financial Matters**

1. To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council

**Resolved:** That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting.

**23/79 2023/2024 Estimated Out-turn & 2024/2025 Budget**

1. 2023/2024 estimated out-turn

b) 2024/2025 Budget proposal

c) To consider allotment rents for 2024/2025

d) Setting of precept 2024/2025

**Resolved:** To note the estimated out-turn. To adjust the expenditure to include the UKSPF which takes the expenditure to 510,150. To take £35000 from reserves. To set the precept at £341,460. To increase all allotment rents by £2 per plot per annum.

**23/80 Hanging Basket Watering**

**Resolved**: To note that we received 4 tenders for the 3 year contract. That the contract be awarded to the person who provided the lowest tender.

**23/81 Grant Application**

To consider a grant application from Rolls Royce Bowling Club towards a defibrillator.

**Resolved:** To contact Rolls Royce to see if they could apply to the BHF for a free defib. To note that the Town Council would also be eligible under the scheme and to apply.

**23/82 Bins in Play Areas and Parks**

Cllr David Whipp reported that a Pendle employee had pointed out the poor state of the bins in play areas and parks. West Craven Area Committee have uncommitted funds.

**Resolved:** To apply to Pendle BC for funding towards bins, lighting repairs and any other work in parks

**23/83 Town and Parish Council Summit**

**Resolved:** Jodie Greaves, Chris Church and Jo Geldard to attend to represent the Town Council

**23/84 Request to use the town square for an Iftar**

**Resolved;** To agree to this request

**23/85 Update on Banking Hub**

**Resolved:** to note the updated position

**23/86 To receive the Annual External Audit**

**Resolved:** To note this report and action any necessary actions

**23/87Correspondence/Items for information**

No items

**Approved as a correct record of the above meeting**

**Signed………………………………………………………**

**Date…………………………………………………………**

**Cllr Chris Church – Chair of the Full Council**

**The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 13th March 2024**

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