

Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Committee: Cllr H Unwin Clerk: Katrina Baker MBE MILCM

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 26th October 2020 at 8.00p.m. via Zoom

Present: Councillor H Unwin
Councillor S Unwin
Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson
Councillor S Snell
Councillor V Holt
Councillor C Turley
Councillor L Ricketts

In Attendance: Katrina Baker, Clerk

FA20/645 Welcome

Councillor H Unwin welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending this meeting which had followed the second Strategy Meeting for 2021/22.

FA20/646 Apologies

None, all Members were in attendance.

FA20/647 Declarations of Interest

Councillor H Unwin	Matters relating to Randlay Community Centre and FoHRV
Councillor S Unwin	Matters relating to RCC and Randlay Rockets and FoHRV
Councillor C Turley	Matters relating to FoHRV
Councillor S Vaughan-Hodkinson	Matters relating to FoHRV

FA20/648 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2020

It was proposed by Cllr S Unwin and seconded by Cllr Vaughan-Hodkinson, with two abstentions, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2020 are a true record and they will be signed by the Chairman.
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FA20/649 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk updated Members on the current position regarding the Aged Analysis – there were no matters for concern.

Acknowledgements had been received for the TWC Housing Strategy Consultation response and the HEMs pre-application consultations, but no responses or further information as yet.

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FA20/650 Finance & Governance Matters

a) Revised Budget (August 2020)

The Clerk had reviewed the August 2020 revised budget in detail and updated Members on the current financial position, taking into consideration the drastically reduced income levels for hall hire. As a reminder, the Community Buildings were closed in March and there had been limited hall hire over the Summer.

CONFIRMED that the Revised Budget (August 2020) can continue to operate and support the community as much as is possible in these difficult circumstances.

The Clerk wished to record sincere thanks to all members of staff, who have worked as a team to support the Parish Council in these difficult times. They have often worked additional hours and not expected additional pay, but accepted time off in lieu by negotiation. Their support for the community through the Community Support Programme has been appreciated and they have been recognised by TWC and the Lord Lieutenant.

The budget will enable a number of smaller bespoke projects to be undertaken around the Parish, to support the community and enhance the area. It is intended to provide new allotment numbers, regenerated children's amenity spaces within the Estates and colourful planter and basket displays.

FA20/651 Parish Strategy 21/22 Meetings

Three meetings had taken place (these had replaced the usual Saturday Strategy Meeting) and members were thanked for their input and ideas.

The Chairman explained that the Councillors had considered this year's budget as part of the process for their updated Strategy from 2021/22 to 2024/26 and had agreed not to include additional (new) projects, but rather agree the Council's priorities, taking into consideration the reduced balances and the need to offer a fair and balanced budget, with associated precept request, in order to support the community in continued difficult times.

Members shared with the Clerk their thoughts on specific budget headings in order to guide the budget process to prepare an initial draft for the next meeting. Certain decisions had been made and included the inclusion of funds for the LED lighting at RCC, the importance of the continuation of the LMT and provision of the van, maintenance of the Pavilion Field and Muddy (but not necessarily the improvements, unless grant funding is available), the completion of the SID project. Other projects, such as the allotment drainage and solar panels, name signs and electric charging points may only be included if grant funding is available.

The Council is still minded to organise as many of the events as is possible - covid restrictions and funding being taken into consideration. There will be a fun day, and a SNAC activity day,

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plus a post-covid event. Members are also keen to recognise St George's Day, VE Day and Remembrance in any way possible.

The Parish Council will also support FoHRV with the Eco-Day.

Funding should also be available to support the partnership working that has already made a significant difference for our community – this will include the Youth Provision, Holiday Clubs, ROC, CCC and Craft groups. Following the restrictions imposed through the Lockdown, the Parish Council is also keen to support the community with Job Box, Return to Work programmes, training and other support initiatives.

An area under consideration, remains communicating with the community. It was agreed that following the distribution of the 2021 calendar, a survey will be undertaken to establish the views of the residents. This will enable the Parish Council to consider the provision of a calendar (or other publications) for 2022 in a more climate friendly version.

FA20/652 Date of Next Meeting

30th November 2020

8pm

via Zoom

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Signed Henry Unwin Date 30/11/20

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