

Minutes of a Finance Working Party Meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 at 10.00am in the Civic Centre Eckington

Attendance

Councillors: - J Austen; C Gare and C Renwick

Others: - Clerk R. Bullimore, RFO M Gazur and Councillors Kenyon and J Ridgway.

13/18 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED Councillor Gare appointed as Chair of the meeting.

14/18 Apologies

RESOLVED apologies received from Councillor A Dye and B Ridgway.

15/18 Minutes of Finance Working Party Meeting held 6 August 2018

RESOLVED to approve Minutes 8/18 – 12/18 of a Finance Working Party Meeting held 6 August 2018.

The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

16/18 Council Income & Expenditure

Members reviewed the income and expenditure sheet and the reserves.

17/18 Utility bills

Members discussed gas and electric payments made on behalf of the Community Hall and Premises Committees and the reimbursements to the Council. It was thought that the Committees may be able to get better rates themselves. RESOLVED to discuss at the next Community Hall and Premises meeting

The electric bill for the cemetery is high RESOLVED Cemetery Supervisor and the Clerk monitor.

18/18 Cemetery Income

The income for the cemetery is lower than the previous year RESOLVED Treasurer to circulate the number of burials and cremations carried out this financial year.

19/18 Reserves

RESOLVED A strategy for spending the reserves to be discussed at the Committee meetings.

20/18 Grit Bins

RESOLVED Clerk to circulate the grit bin list to Councillors and to ask them to check the condition of the bins. Damaged and empty bins to be reported to the Clerk.

21/18 Organist

RECOMMEND that the Clerk suggests to the customers who attend the Monday evening dance at the Civic Centre that they dance to recorded music

instead of the organist. The Monday dance to be advertised in the next newsletter.

22/18 2019/20 Budget

The budget was discussed in detail RESOLVED a second meeting to be held on the 26th November to discuss and recommend what should be included in the budget, the percentage increase and whether to use any of the reserves. Treasurer to circulate a proposed budget with the new items included and to show the amount and whether this is to be included in the budget or if reserves are to be used.

Clerk to contact the District Council to ask for the tax base figure for the Council to set their budget.

Investment options for the reserves to be investigated.