

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 2 May 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr S Hladkij (Chairman)
Cllr P Dredge
Cllr T Munro
Cllr A Rea

In attendance: Mr Jonathan Parsons, Town Clerk
Mrs Pauline Cleal, Senior Finance Officer

PR22/068 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr Parsons and Cllr Spencer.

PR22/069 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** The Chairman invited the declaration of any interests. Cllr Dredge declared an interest in cheque number 015298 and Cllr Rea declared an interest a Faster Payment on 15 March 2023.

PR22/070 **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** Members considered the accounts for payment for February 2023 (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge highlighted a couple of payments and Cllr Hladkij enquired about a payment regarding a broken window in the Watermark. The Senior Finance Officer clarified this was regarding the window on the stairs in the Watermark.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the list for payments for March 2023 in the sum of £111,988.49 and approve the list of BACS and Faster payments.

PR22/071 **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS:** Consideration was given to a report on the accounts for the period to 31 March 2023 (copy previously circulated). Cllr Dredge informed members that although the precept and the budget balance to zero this will depend on the income and expenditure throughout the financial year and at the end of March the Year End will show if there is a deficit or surplus. At the Year End for 2023-2023 there was a surplus partly due to expenditure being directly coded to Reserves regarding LED Lighting upgrades, new coffee machine and cemetery repairs as well as higher income received in some areas and underspent for legal fees, a loan not drawn down, which had been budgeted for Butterpark as well as other codes being underspent, also the Watermark figures at the Year End were better than budgeted. Cllr Dredge thanked the Senior Finance Officer, Finance Officer, Watermark Manager and Town Clerk for their work.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the accounts for the period to 31 March 2023 and thank the staff involved.

PR22/072 **DEBTORS UPDATE:** The Committee considered the aged debtors report (copy previously circulated), Cllr Rea enquired about an amount for the Library, the

Senior Finance Officer explained this was the balancing figure for the Library's contribution to the running costs of the Watermark building.

It was **RESOLVED** to receive the debtors update.

PR22/073 **CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE:** The Committee discussed the draft policies and protocols (copy previously circulated). Members highlighted a couple of items where the wording needs to be amended but Members felt this should be recommended to Full Council and that some of the existing policies will need to be reviewed at a later date.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council.

PR22/074 **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:** Consideration was given to the report (copy previously circulated) regarding changes to the Financial Regulations. The Town Clerk informed Members he had contacted the Internal Auditor with regard to the proposed changes and he was satisfied there would still be sufficient controls in place. Members agreed to recommend to Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend the Financial Regulations changes to Full Council

PR22/075 **COMMITTEES AND EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:** Members discussed the report (copy previously circulated) and considered the advantages and disadvantages of removing The Watermark Committee and agreed this should be discussed at Full Council. Consideration was also given to the list of external representative roles (copy previously circulated). After a discussion it was felt some of the groups were no longer current and others may not require a councillor representative and agreed to amend and any additions or removals could be actioned at Full Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend a revised list of outside representatives be taken to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chairman