



## **BROMYARD & WINSLOW TOWN COUNCIL**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Rowberry Street, Bromyard.

**Minutes  
F22/84 – F22/86**

Members Present: Cllrs Churchill, Davies, Dunne-Thomas and Law (Vice Chair).

In attendance: Cllr Holman

Officers Present: Karen Mitchell (Town Clerk)

In accordance with standing Orders, the Vice Chairman Cllr Lisa Law presided over the meeting due to the absence of the Chairman.

#### **F22/84 To receive apologies for absence**

*LGA 1972 S85 (1)*

Apologies for absence were received from the Committee Chairman, Cllr Mark Franklin (illness).

#### **F22/85 To receive any Declarations of Interest and written requests for dispensations.**

*Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 SI No. 1159*

Cllr Churchill declared a Registrable Interest in item F22/86,1. as a Trustee of the Bromyard Recreation Ground Charity (Kempson Players).

#### **F22/86 Budget 2023/24**

1. Members considered a letter from the Bromyard Recreation Ground Charity (Kempson Players) requesting an increase in the annual grant funding from the council to take account of rising costs.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Full Council be recommended to increase the annual grant to the Bromyard Recreation Ground by £1,000 to a total of £4,000 for the financial year 2023/24.

2. Members considered a quotation for floral decorations for the 2023/24 season.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the quotation from R Wilks for floral decorations (including installation watering and removal) for 2023 be approved in the sum of £7,574.25 plus VAT.

3. The following suggestions were received as a result of a town council campaign inviting ideas from the local community on how two pots of money could be spent: £7,000 for community projects and £7,000 for climate change and/or tree planting.

Cllr Law explained that no decisions on the suggestions received would be taken at this stage, however, they should be borne in mind when considering the corresponding budget lines for 2023/24.

- a) Letter from People's Project: - Planting ideas for St. Peter's churchyard; enhancement of Riverside Walk, including trees and shrubs; planting at the Stourport Rd; benches around the town; planting areas at various locations around the town
- b) Community Project - Oral history project (Community project fund)
- c) History Time-line board
- d) Map of Bromyard showing with buildings of interest with walking route and QR codes
- e) Tree planting on Winslow Road/Rowan Walk
- f) Artwork (wind powered) Leisure Centre turret
- g) Artwork - Tree of solar lights on the by-pass
- h) Refurbishment of Automaton clock
- i) Solar powered phone charger for every household
- j) Water collection butts on council buildings
- k) Wildflower verges
- l) Information webpage re grants for insulation, light tunnels, home energy resources
- m) Permissive path based on route of the Bromyard and Linton Light Railway
- n) Solar panelled street lamps at the cemetery
- o) Community support/training for people to use online banking
- p) Promotion for a community car club/car sharing
- q) Advice on how to reduce energy consumption
- r) Outdoor gym equipment for the Recreation Ground (Kempson Players)
- s) Cycle racks in the Market square and car parks

Members worked through the first draft of the budget for 2023/24 (v1.0) on a line-by-line basis and made several amendments to budget lines to reflect anticipated expenditure.

The 2023/24 draft budget (v.2) as amended will be further considered at the Finance Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December and at the Full Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Herefordshire Council has requested that the precept request for 2023/24 to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

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

CHAIRMAN ..... DATE .....