

Minutes of the Finance & Resources Committee Meeting held in Illogan Parish Council Community Office, Trevelyan Road, Illogan, TR16 4RG on Monday 17th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Crabtree (Chairman), Jobson (Vice Chairman), Cooke (not a member of this Committee), Cullimore, and Ekinsmyth (from point mentioned).

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs Rimell, Clerk

The Chairman explained the safety procedures.

FR23/07/1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ford and Mrs Thompson

Cllr Williams was absent.

FR23/07/2 MEMBERS TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (INCLUDING DETAILS THEREOF) IN RESPECT OF ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ANY GIFTS OR HOSPITALITY OVER £25

There were no interests declared.

FR23/07/3 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM MEMBERS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no applications for dispensations from members.

FR23/07/4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (MAXIMUM 10 MINS – EVERY SPEAKER A LIMIT OF 3 MINS UNDER COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS)

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Ekinsmyth entered the meeting at 7.03pm

FR23/07/5 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 1ST FEBRUARY 2023 AND THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM

It was proposed by Cllr Crabtree, seconded by Cllr Jobson and:

FR23/07/5.2 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee held on the 1st February 2023 are received and approved and signed by the Chairman.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FR23/07/6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND A REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ACTIONS, FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items raised.

FR23/07/7 TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was proposed by Cllr Cullimore, seconded by Cllr Ekinsmyth and:

FR23/07/7.2 RESOLVED that Cllr Jobson be appointed Vice Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FR23/07/8 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON THE COUNCILS BANKING ARRANGEMENTS, CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE BANKING OPTIONS, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

It was proposed by Cllr Jobson, seconded by Cllr Cullimore and:

FR23/07/8.2 RESOLVED that an official complaint is made to the Financial Ombudsman regarding Barclays and that a copy of the complaint is sent to the Chairman and Chief Executive of Barclays and to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

The issues with Barclays and the mandate were discussed in detail. There were other options available to the Council. Having sought information from other councils, it seemed that Unity Trust Bank and Natwest were the better options. Unity Trust Bank had a 4 star rating on Trust Pilot. It was noted that consideration would need to be given to ensuring that readers etc have been received for a new bank account before closing the account with Barclays. The Clerk suggested that the move should be made straight after a payment run

It was proposed by Cllr Crabtree, seconded by Cllr Cullimore and:

FR23/07/8.2 RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the Councils current account is transferred to Unity Trust Bank, that the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Finance and Resources Committee are signatories.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FR23/07/9 TO CONSIDER BOPP FOR THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN ILLOGAN PARK, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

BOPP was an app which provided a QR Code and other contact details which allowed facility users to make a voluntary donation. The donation would go straight into the Councils bank. It was suggested that BOPP could potentially be displayed in the Public Conveniences, Changing Rooms and Childrens play area. It was felt that the scheme would be more effective in a tourist location and that it was not appropriate for Illogan Park. The majority of the users of the Park were residents of the Parish, who paid council tax.

It was proposed by Cllr Jobson, seconded by Cllr Ekinsmyth and:

FR23/07/9.2 RESOLVED that the BOPP voluntary donation app is not used by Illogan Parish Council.

On a vote being taken on the matter there were 3 votes FOR and 1 vote AGAINST.

FR23/07/10 TO RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR LINKS TO BE ADDED TO THE WEBSITE, AGREE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS AND ANY ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE

It was proposed by Cllr Crabtree, seconded by Cllr Jobson and:

FR23/07/10.2 RESOLVED that no further links are added to the Councils website and to request that the Governance Review Committee draft a policy covering useful links on the website and what will be considered.

On a vote being taken the matter was approved unanimously.

FR23/07/11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meetings would be held on Monday 11th September and Wednesday 25th October 2023, 7pm in Illogan Parish Council Community Office.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.41pm.

Signed:

Date: