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Minutes of the Finance & General Committee meeting held Thursday 18th April 2024

Present Councillors: B. Clark (Chair), E. Humphreys, C. McCartan, C. Walker. (4 councillors present) Apologies were received from Councillors: D. Oxley. There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting started at 6.30pm

FG/2024/47	To receive and approve reasons for absence. The Clerk shared with council the reasons for absence that were received from D. Oxley. Resolved:- That the reasons for absence be approved for D. Oxley. Voting:- 4 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.
FG/2024/48 officers	To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and
	No declarations of personal and pecuniary interest were received.
FG/2024/49 (if any)	To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
	No requests for dispensations were received.
FG/2024/50	To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate No dispensations to be granted.
FG/2024/51 2024	To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 th March
	No matters of accuracy were raised on the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 th March 2024.
	<u>Resolved:-</u> That the minutes of the meeting held Monday 18 th March 2024 be approved and file copy was signed by the chairperson of the meeting.
	Voting:- 4 councillors present. 2 voted in favour, 2 councillors abstained.

FG/2024/52 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

No items were identified for exclusion of the press and public.

FG/2024/53 Public Participation Session

Chairperson Initial:



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No members of the public were in attendance.

FG/2024/54 To receive and note the payment schedule to be considered by next full council on Thursday 25th April 2024

The Clerk and RFO presented the payments list for approval by the council and informed the committee that these had been reviewed by two councillors. **Resolved:-** That the committee noted the payments scheduled to be considered by the council on Thursday 25th April 2024.

FG/2024/55 To receive and note the bank reconciliations for March 2024

The Clerk presented the latest bank reconciliation received. Two councillors checked the bank total from the Scribe Accounting system against the bank statement. The balances matched and no issues were highlighted.

Resolved:- That the committee note the bank reconciliations completed for March 2024 and the bank statement was signed by two councillors to verify the reconciliation.

FG/2024/56 To receive and consider the External Auditors report for 2022/23

The committee received the Final External Auditor Report and Certificate for 2022/23 in respect of the council. The Clerk highlighted that an extensive Internal Audit report was received which highlighted several issues with the council that needed to be addressed to enable the council to be in a position to submit their Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The Clerk highlighted the other matters that had been raised with the council for their attention, and the work that had already been undertaken to address the areas that had been highlighted. The committee discussed the report and didn't feel there was any recommendation needed from the committee. The report will be presented to full council next week to also determine the publication notices for the audited accounts for 2022/23.

FG/2024/57 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting No matters were raised for inclusion at the next meeting.

FG/2024/58 To confirm the date and time of the next ordinary meeting of the Finance &

General Committee

The Chair confirmed that the next committee meeting will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 18:52pm.