

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 25th July 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Compton (Chair)
Councillors Antony, Brown, Harrison, Inwood, Jani, Lockett, Squire-Smith and Stanier

In attendance: Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill
District Councillors Green and Hunter
2 Members of the Public

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded. The Chair reminded Members of the Climate & Biodiversity Emergency declared by Royston Town Council and asked Members to be mindful of this when making decisions on behalf of the Council.

115/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A member of the public spoke about Remembrance Sunday. He reported that this year Hertfordshire Constabulary are not able to resource the road closures for the parade. The council will need to decide whether or not to pay the additional £2,900 needed for private security for the road closures. The road closure application needed to be submitted to North Herts Council by the end of July and so a quick decision was needed. The Chair thanked the gentleman for his presentation. Councillor Lockett joined the meeting at 7.34pm.

116/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none.

117/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received. The Chair brought forward agenda item 7 for discussion as the next item.

118/23 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND PARADE 13TH NOVEMBER 2022:

Members agreed that the Remembrance Day Service was an important annual event which was well attended by the public and it should be fully supported by the council. Members **RESOLVED** that the Remembrance Day service should take place in full this year with a parade from Queens Road to Melbourn Street and then a service and wreath laying at the War Memorial. The additional costs of £2,900 for the road closures should be covered by the council but the North Herts Council Royston Area Committee should be approached to see whether a grant could be obtained towards the costs. Officers should also speak to the North Herts Council community engagement team to see whether there is any capacity for them to support the road closures in Royston and reduce the associated costs.

119/23 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 27th June (minutes 86/23 to 93/23). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

120/23 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members **RESOLVED** to receive the notes of the Cave Trust Fund committee meeting held on 22nd June 2022 into the workings of the Council.

121/23 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

- i) Members received and noted the Bank Reconciliation for June 2022.
- ii) Members received and noted the June 2022 Income and Expenditure report compared against budgets for 2022-2023.

122/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the July 2022 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

123/23 MERIDIAN WARD BY-ELECTION:

Members discussed whether or not poll cards should be sent out for the upcoming by-election and agreed that poll cards were a necessary cost of democracy. The cost to the council would be in the region of £2,000.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree to send out poll cards for the Meridian Ward by-election.

Date of next meeting: 26th September 2022.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____