

Minutes of the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES** held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 in the **Doug Daniels Pavilion, Elm Park, Filton**

PRESENT: Cllrs: - M Chaudhry (Chair) B Mead (Vice Chair), K Briffett, D Collins, A Doyle, A Johnstone, A Kenyon, T Mewies, A Monk, A Robinson, J Tucker, C Wood,
ALSO PRESENT: L Reuben (Town Clerk) N Gould (Town Council Support Officer)
Derek Kemp (Accounting Solutions)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: - I Scott

NON ATTENDANCE:- Cllrs:-

F.060 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs apologies were noted.

F.061 DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Monk declared a personal interest in North Bristol Advice Centre as his father sits as a director.

F.062 PRESENTATION OF 2020/21 BUDGET BY DEREK KEMP ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS: Derek Kemp (Accounting Solutions) presented the revised budget provision to councillors. The revised figures saw a demand to the 2020/21 precept requirement to South Gloucestershire Council of £981,758 (which equates to £315.28 per band D property). It was noted that a large part of the increase was due to pool income not hitting its targets and pool expenditure exceeding its targets due to maintenance works needed on the aging building. Councillors asked the accountant what would happen if the 35% increase was not accepted, it was noted that whole site would have to be shut down and redundancies investigated. A question was raised about current cash flow and whether the Council had enough money to get to the end of the financial year, the accountant confirmed that cash flow projections were tight but that the council would make it to the end of April.

F.063 TO RELSOVE TO DEMAND THE 2020/21 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT TO SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL OF £981,785 (£315.28 PER BAND D PROPERTY): Cllr Wood started by asking for a named vote. A short conversation was held before Cllr Monk proposed to accept the recommendation of 34.1% increase, this was seconded by Cllr Doyle and Agreed: 7 in favour 5 against broken down as follows; Cllrs TM, DC, EJ, AD, AM, MC & BM voted in favour and Cllrs CW, AK, AR, KB, & JT voted against the proposal.

F.064 MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12th November 2019 were approved as an accurate record.

F.065 MATTERS OF REPORT ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ON AGENDA: Councillors asked if the figures for the Ratepayers Arms could be circulated around by email for information.

Action: Town Council Office

F.066 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

i) MUGA – The chair of the community garden raised concerns about the plans for the MUGA, the current tennis court wall is currently being used as a support for plants and trees in the garden and there are concerns that if the wall is taken down for the MUGA it will take away vital space in the community garden. It was suggested that the cycle speedway track be investigated as an alternative location for the MUGA. It was agreed to a few members of the community garden committee will sit on the consultation team for the MUGA project.

ii) Pod in the Park – Questions were asked as to whether the pod in the park had shut down. It was reported that the social enterprise had run out of money so had shut short term until a meeting with trustees had been held to identify more volunteers that could run with the project.

iii) Staffing Minutes – A local resident was not happy about a section of the staffing minutes which they believed were about themselves. It was **Agreed:** to take the minutes back to the next staffing meeting to discuss whether the line being objected too could be retracted.

F.067 AUDIT REPORT: The report was noted, and it was agreed to report back to the next meeting with what actions need improvement and how the council propose to conclude them.

Action: Town Council Office

F.068 YTL ARENA UPDATE: It was noted that YTL would be attending February Full Council meeting to present. In the meantime, residents and councillors could comment on the current applications through the South Gloucestershire Council Planning Portal.

F.069 106 FUNDING APPLICATION (MUGA): The Town Clerk was thanked for her work in securing £95,000 worth of funding towards the MUGA Project. The Town Clerk noted that South Gloucestershire Council needed a business plan along with plans needed to be submitted to them by the end of February 2020.

F.070 DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE: An update was given on the Defibrillators; it was noted that the full amount of money was needed up front to secure the delivery of the units. Councillors were notified of this early January but there were not enough responses received to go ahead. After further discussions a motion was put forward to empower the clerk to purchase all three defibrillators at the lowest cost and purchase 1 defib this year followed by another 2 in the new financial year, this was seconded and **Agreed:** unanimously.

F.071 LEISURE CENTRE PRICE INCREASE: Councillors asked for the report to be brought back to the January full council meeting with more detailed information including what other sports centres are charging and what we charged last year. A report for the bar with the same information was also requested.

Action: Town Council Office

F.072 PAYMENTS FOR INFORMATION: The Document was noted.

The Council Resolved to exclude press and public from the next part of the meeting at 8.45pm

Confidential Appendix

F.073 Minutes of the staffing committee held Tuesday 03rd December 2019: The minutes of the meeting were noted.

F.074 Leisure Centre Options Appraisal: The timescale document was noted, the Town Clerk updated councillors on the meetings held to date. It was suggested that the Town Council Office look into the legalities of selling off the piece of tarmac land at the bottom of the field and use the money raised from that to improve leisure and ground facilities.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm