

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Policy & Assets Committee held at 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday, 11th November 2024 at 18:30hrs.

PRESENT: Cllr Alan Knappe – Chair

Councillors

Ian Adkins
Mike Arnold
Stephen Dabbs
Ted Nicholl
Janet Matthews
Lynne Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Fox - Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
Deborah Jewell - Chief Officer (CO)
Mel Bland – Operations Officer
0 Members of the Public
0 Members of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

Representatives from the Daventry Community Centre Short Mat Bowls advised that they were in attendance to support their application and advised that they would be happy to answer any questions.

FP2411.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor	Apologies	Resolved
Scott Cameron	Received and considered	Apologies Approved
Katie Thurston	Received and considered	Apologies Approved

FP2411.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests declared.

FP2411.3 MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 th October, be approved, and signed as a correct record.
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FP2411.4 COMMUNITY GRANT(S).

Members considered the grant application submitted by Daventry Community Centre Short Mat Bowls, and it was

RESOLVED:	That the sum of £800 be awarded to Daventry Community Centre Short Mat Bowls to provide a financial contribution towards the costs of equipment.
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FP2411.5 POLICIES.

RECOMMENDED	(i) Hospitality & Gifts, as amended be approved.
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FP2411.6 LICENCES.

- (i) Members considered the report on the request from Drayton Grange Football Club (DFGC) for an additional 12-month licence for the use of Stefen Hill Park for weekly senior and junior football matches on Sunday Morning.

Members referred to the consultation with residents and noted concerns raised by in relation to noise and parking issues in the vicinity, with the introduction of Sunday morning matches.

Councillor Adkins commented that he resided close to an area of open space that holds regular football matches and noise was not an issue, he also commented that the car park adjacent to the proposed football pitch was rarely full of cars.

The Chief Officer highlighted that following the introduction of football pitches and goal posts on The Hollow, complaints were received from residents living near to the pitches of damage to property. Subsequently, Daventry Town Football Club were advised to reposition the pitches to ensure residents enjoyment of their property wasn't compromised.

Councillor Matthews commented that she supported the application, as it encouraged active lifestyles, particularly in the young and suggested that conditions be placed, within the Licence, on the club to take responsibility for indiscriminate parking and unacceptable noise levels, with the licence being revoked should the club not adhere to the terms within the licence.

Members concurred that as there had been a reduction in the number of pitches available in this area of the town, through housing development, the Town Council had a responsibility to encourage people to be active and use its open spaces for this purpose.

RESOLVED:	That the Town Council approve the issue of a 12-month licence, to Drayton Grange Football Club, for the use of Stefen Hill Park, at zero cost on the condition that the club take responsibility for indiscriminate parking and unacceptable noise levels in the area.
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- (ii) Members noted licences issued for events, works and access on land owned by the Council, within the report.

FP2411.7 COUNCIL BUDGET & EARMARKED RESERVES 2025/2026.

The Responsible Finance Officer referred to the arrangements for agreeing the council budget and earmarked reserves for the financial year 2025/26 and suggested holding an informal workshop to ensure all members of council had the opportunity to review every element of the council budget and earmarked reserves for 2025/2026. It was,

RESOLVED:	That the Responsible Finance Officer schedule a workshop, open to all members of council, to review the draft council budget and earmarked reserves for 2025/2026 to agree the final budget and precept for 25/26.
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FP2411.8 FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Members referred to the financial reports and the Chair confirmed they had seen the bank statements and reconciled the balances.

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RESOLVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) That the Council budget/income and expenditure report for October 2024 be received.(ii) That the statement of Earmarked Reserves for October 2024 be received.(iii) That the CIL receipts and expenditure report be received.(iv) That the statement of balances and reconciliation as of 31st October 2024 be approved and signed.(v) That the schedule of payments for the period 15th October 2024 to 11th November 2024 be approved and signed.(vi) It was noted that there were no petty cash payments, inter account transfers or virement for the period 15th October 2024 to 11th November 2024.
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FP2411.9 CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

FP2411.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday, 9th December 2024.

The meeting closed at 19:10 hrs

SIGNED DATED