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Pennington
Town Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting
of Lymington & Pennington Town Council
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington
on 10 January 2024 at 6.00pm**

- PRESENT:**
- Councillors** Jack Davies (Mayor)
Colm McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)
Barry Dunning
Sara Frost
Richard Gray
Martina Humber
Ted Jearrad
Jerry King
Iestyn Lewis
Ian Loveless
Simon Morgan
Alan Penson
- Officers** Louise Young, CEO/Town Clerk
Lesley Way, Deputy Town Clerk
Sue Finnimore, Responsible Finance Office
- Also Present** 4 Members of Public and 1 member of press via zoom

97. **Apologies for Absence**
Received and approved from Cllr Brindley, Cllr Phillips and Cllr England.

98. **Declarations of Interest**
None

99. **Public Participation**
None

100. **Minutes of Council Meeting held on 13 December 2023**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 13 December 2023 be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Gray. All in favour.

101. **Revised Budget 2023/24 and Budget 2024/25**

The RFO talked through the revised budget and the budget for 2024/2025.

Resolved:

- i. That the revised budget for 2023/24 and the draft budget for 2024/25 is approved.
- ii. That the proposed new bids for 2024/25, are approved.
- iii. That the precept of £982,689 for 2024/25 is approved.
- iv. The proposed transfers to provisions and reserves, is approved.
- v. That the three year forecast is noted
- vi. That the schedule of fees and charges for 2024/25 is approved.

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr King. All in favour.

102. Members Allowance

Members discussed the increase in allowance for 2023/24.

Resolved: That the members allowance is not increased for 2023/24

Proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr McCarthy. 11 in favour, 1 abstained.

103. CEO/Town Clerk Vacancy

Resolved:

- i. That the resignation of the CEO/Town Clerk be noted.
- ii. That the Staffing subcommittee undertake the recruitment process for the vacant post.
- iii. That the Staffing subcommittee bring a recommendation of appointment to Council for approval in due course.

Proposed by Cllr McCarthy, seconded by Cllr Penson. All in favour.

104. To receive verbal reports from Town Councillors

Cllr Humber advised that St Marks Church in Pennington have now appointed a new Vicar.

The Mayor reported that before Christmas he had attended Santa on the Quay which proved very popular this year. He had also delivered chocolates to local care homes and attended a Christmas Dinner at St Thomas Church on Christmas Day. He wanted to thank all the volunteers involved for making the day special to the guests.

105. To receive a verbal report from the District Councillors

Cllr McCarthy he had recently attended the Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club.

106. To receive a verbal report from the County Councillor

Hampshire County Council have been trying to recruit a replacement School Patrol at Avenue Road but, so far, have not had any interest in the post.

There are ongoing discussions at Hampshire County Council to improve the road safety for the school. Cllr Dunning confirmed funding sources are being obtained and there is a high degree of certainty that the delivery of an item of infrastructure will result.

South Grove – HCC have confirmed that the £1000 committed from the Town Council will be utilised towards the initial reports which would then inform a plan for the area. The parking feasibility study for South Grove has now been added to HCC’s Traffic Management programme. The study will take the form of a desktop review of parking within South Grove and the surrounding area and they anticipate it will commence sometime over the coming months.

Even though Cllr Dunning had fought against HCC introducing parking restrictions along the High Street, following occupancy surveys by HCC, it has shown the scheme is working well. Previously around 170 vehicles per day were shown to be ignoring the maximum stay period, this has been virtually eradicated to only 4 PCNS had been issued to vehicles ignoring the maximum stay period. The scheme is subject to continual monitoring.

107. Forthcoming Meetings

- 17 January 2024, Planning 6pm
- 30 January 2024, Policy and Resources 10.30am
- 5 February 2024, Amenities 6pm

108. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 18:00pm on 21 February 2023.

Meeting concluded at 6.33pm.

Date: **Chairperson’s Signature:**