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24 January 2024

TO MEMBERS OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Lymington & Pennington Town Council's **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE** which will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington on **Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 10.30am** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of public may speak via video conferencing in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme on anything which is in the specific remit of the Council, at the beginning of the meeting. Any request to speak must be received no less than two clear working days before the commencement of the meeting. A link to the virtual meeting will then be emailed to the member of public. In certain circumstances, for matters which are included on the Agenda, they may be specifically invited by the Chairperson to speak when the Agenda item is called. In these circumstances they may only speak before members have started to debate the item. No member of the public shall speak for more than three minutes in total at any one meeting.

Members of the public may attend via video conferencing. Upon request, a link to the virtual meeting can be sent to the member of public.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

Louise Young
CEO/Town Clerk

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC MAY ATTEND

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest on any items on the Agenda.
- 3. Public Participation**
To note any matters raised during the public participation period.
- 4. Minutes of previous Policy & Resources Meeting held on 5 December 2023**
To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the previous Policy & Resources Meeting.

5. Payments List: October 2023 – December 2023

To accept and authorise payments for the period October 2023 to December 2023

6. Budget Control Report: April 2023– December 2023

To consider the report.

7. Grant Aid Request

To consider recommendations for Grant Aid

8. Next Meeting

To confirm the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held on **Tuesday 16 April 2024.**

Members: Cllr Morgan (Chairperson), Cllr Davies (Deputy Chairperson & Town Mayor), Cllr Gray, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Brindley, Cllr Penson, and Cllr England & Cllr McCarthy (Deputy Mayor).



**Minutes of the Meeting of Lymington & Pennington Town Council's
Policy & Resources Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lymington
on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 10.30am**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Councillors	Cllr. Morgan (Chairperson) Cllr. Davies (Mayor) Cllr. Gray Cllr. Lewis Cllr. Brindley Cllr. England Cllr. McCarthy Cllr. Frost (substitute for Cllr. Penson)
	Other Councillors	Cllr. Dunning Cllr. Jearrad
	Officers	Louise Young CEO/Town Clerk Sue Finnimore, Responsible Finance Officer C Lodwidge, Committee Manager and Project Support

24. Apologies for Absence

Received and accepted from Cllr. Phillips and Cllr. Penson.

25. Declarations of Interest

None.

26. Public Participation

None.

27. Minutes of Previous Policy & Resources Meeting held on 3 October 2023

Resolved: That the minutes of the Policy & Resources meeting held on 3 October 2023 be signed as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr McCarthy. 7 in favour, 1 abstained.

28. Grant to Lymington Community Centre

The Lymington Community Association has contacted the Town Council requesting continued support for the Centre towards maintenance costs over the next 2 years.

Resolved: That the grant request of £10,000, for the budget years 2024/25 and 2025/26, to The Lymington Community Association, for the purposes of maintaining the facilities and services of the Centre is approved.

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

29. Budget Control Report: April 2023 – October 2023

Resolved: That Councillors note report.

30. Revised Budget 2023/24

Resolved:

- i. The Revised total budget for 2023/24 of **£941,265** as set out in the appendices is approved.
- ii. The proposed revised transfers to reserves and provisions as detailed in Appendix 3 is approved.
- iii. The Committee is makes recommendations to Council on the revised budget for 2023/24

Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr England. All in favour.

31. Budget 2024/25

Cllr Davies proposed that the Market fees were increased by 10p per foot, rather than the recommendation of RPI (approx. 25p per foot) with a further increase in 2025/2026 budget. Cllr Morgan seconded.

Resolved: That the Market fees are increased by 10p per foot for the 2024/2025 budget and increased by 15p per foot for the 2025/2026 budget.

Proposer Cllr Davies Seconder Cllr Morgan. 4 for 4 against.
Motion carried, Chairman held the casting vote.

Resolved:

- i. That the draft budgets for 2024/25 for Policy and Resources, Amenities and Planning, including the new bids, is approved.
- ii. That the proposed transfers to reserves and provisions are approved.
- iii. That the schedule of fees and charges for 2024/25, was approved as presented in the meeting with the amendment of Market fees only being increased by 10p per foot for the 2024/25 budget and being increased by 15p per foot for the 2025/26
- iv. That the Committee make recommendations to Council on the budget and the precept for 2024/25.

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

32. Internal Auditor Appointment

Cllr Brindley proposed an amendment that there should be a tender process for the selection of internal auditor in 2024/25.

Proposed by Cllr Brindley, seconded by Cllr Davies. All in favour.

The next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee will be held on **Tuesday 30 January 2024** at 10.30am in the Council Chamber.

Meeting concluded at 11.20am.

Date: **Chairperson's Signature:**

PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023

Date	Beneficiary	Purpose of Expenditure	Amount
02/10/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the market	1834.00
02/10/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the depot	961.00
04/10/2023	Southern Solutions	Remote IT support for October	885.72
12/10/2023	Pristine Cleaning	Cleaning at Woodside toilets, Pennington Pavilion and depot mess room for September	1144.00
12/10/2023	John Shutler	Medium priority tree works - Woodley Gardens	1683.49
12/10/2023	Bowcom	Marking out paint for sports pitches	1404.00
12/10/2023	BDO LLP	Fee for external audit work for 2022 23	2520.00
12/10/2023	Woolley & Wallis	Valuation of sea water baths for land registry purposes	1320.00
12/10/2023	Addspace	Replacement side door for 2 Woodville Cottages	780.00
12/10/2023	New Milton Sand & Ballast	Green waste and bulk bags of soil	627.62
12/10/2023	All Star Fuel	Vehicle Fuel	528.49
17/10/2023	HCC Pensions	Pension contributions for September	10898.65
17/10/2023	HMRC	Paye & NIC contributions for September	9632.83
17/10/2023	E.on	Woodside Pavilion electric charges for September	1316.58
17/10/2023	Scottish Power	Electricity charges for Pennington Pavilion - September 2023	598.45
17/10/2023	Scottish Power	LSG Sports Pavillion electricity for September 2023	1019.22
17/10/2023	Scottish Power	Electricity charges for depot - September 2023	636.17
23/10/2023	Bournemouth Water	Water charges for Woodside March to September	993.42
23/10/2023	Bournemouth Water	Water charges for bowls club March to September	892.31
27/10/2023	Southern Solutions	Two replacement laptops and new screen	2590.80
27/10/2023	Southern Solutions	Replacement laptop	1548.00
01/11/2023	Dovey Ltd	PTO clutch replacement for John Deere 5215	1910.16
01/11/2023	Lee Mills Carpet & Flooring Ltd	Replacement carpet for sea water baths office	549.00
01/11/2023	New Forest District Council	Market cleaning costs for six months and GIS Partnership contribution	14457.10
01/11/2023	Roffey Ltd	Top soil for bowling green	716.37
01/11/2023	St Barbe Museum	Event support grant	2000.00
01/11/2023	Rotary	Event support grant - Santa on the Quay	1500.00
01/11/2023	Friends of St Thomas Church	Event support grant - Christmas Tree festival	2000.00
01/11/2023	Bournemouth Water	Water charges for the trough in Rookes Lane for March to September	779.77
01/11/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the depot	961.00
01/11/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the market	1834.00
06/11/2023	Southern Solutions	Remote IT support for November	885.72
13/11/2023	Pension	Pension payments for October	10916.73
13/11/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NIC contributions for October	9854.91
15/11/2023	Pristine Cleaning	Cleaning at Woodside toilets, Pennington Pavilion and depot mess room for October	1440.00
15/11/2023	All Star Fuel	Vehicle Fuel for October	514.85
15/11/2023	Hunts New Forest	Parts for Trimax Snake	709.23
15/11/2023	Bellows	Refund of market fees overpaid	618.75
16/11/2023	Scottish Power	LSG Sports Pavillion electricity for October	1589.89
23/11/2023	E.ON	Woodside Pavilion electric charges for October	1110.04
28/11/2023	Bounce4fun	Inflatable Toboggan Ride for Christmas lights event	675.00
29/11/2023	Wicksteed	Replacement trampoline mat Lymington Meadows	4721.23
29/11/2023	Clarke Groundworks	Installation of new sockets for rugby posts	600.00
29/11/2023	A P Nash Roofing	Roof repairs at Sea water baths office & Pennington Pavilion	500.00
29/11/2023	Arbor Venture Training Ltd	Employee chainsaw course	650.00
29/11/2023	DCM Surfaces	Emsworth park play area resurfacing works	29944.80
29/11/2023	Lynxs Sport Management	Additional chemicals for sea water baths for 2023 - in line with rpi	2304.00
29/11/2023	New Forest District Council	Election expenses for May	16511.84
29/11/2023	Northfield Nursery	Autumn bedding plants	1407.60
01/12/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the depot	961.00
01/12/2023	New Forest District Council	Rates payment for the market	1834.00
06/12/2023	Southern Solutions	Remote IT support for December	885.72
08/12/2023	Pristine Cleaning	Cleaning at Woodside toilets, Pennington Pavilion and depot mess room for November	1184.00
13/12/2023	HMRC	PAYE & NIC contributions for November	9808.72
13/12/2023	Pension	Pension payments for November	10916.74
13/12/2023	Advanced Ecobuild Services Ltd	Supply and install replacement LED floodlights Lymington tennis courts	12969.00
13/12/2023	Ambassador Pools & Leisure	Specialist rubber paint for the Sea Water Baths	2547.00
13/12/2023	Bowcom	Marking out paint for sports fields	1521.00
13/12/2023	Dibben Electrical Contractors	Required electrical repair & testing certificates for 4 sites	2214.00
13/12/2023	Everton Nurseries Ltd	Three Christmas trees for Lymington and Pennington	1470.00
13/12/2023	Hampshire & IOW Wildlife	Grant claim for New Forest Non-Native Plants at pennington common	616.80
13/12/2023	New Milton Sand & Ballast	Bulk bags of shingle	757.14
13/12/2023	Oneill Homer	Professional fees for the Neighbourhood plan	720.00
13/12/2023	Hunts New Forest	Regrind of the cylinders for 5 mowers	1775.63
18/12/2023	Scottish Power	Pennington Pavilion - electricity charges for November	530.02
18/12/2023	Scottish Power	LSG Sports Pavillion electricity for November	1545.41
19/12/2023	E.ON	Woodside Pavilion electric charges for November	1011.36
20/12/2023	Lymington Community Centre	Annual grant December 2023	7500.00
20/12/2023	New Forest Basics Bank	Grant aid 2023	1000.00
20/12/2023	St Barbe	Grant aid 2023	1000.00
20/12/2023	Scarf	Grant aid 2023	1500.00
20/12/2023	Pennington Community Hub	Grant aid 2023	1000.00
20/12/2023	Parkinsons New Forest	Grant aid 2023	750.00
20/12/2023	Lymington Players	Grant aid 2023	750.00
20/12/2023	Lymington Armed Forces & Vets	Grant aid 2023	1000.00
20/12/2023	Honeypot	Grant aid 2023	1000.00
20/12/2023	All Saints Luncheon	Grant aid 2023	600.00
20/12/2023	Pennington Junior School	Balance of big pot grant towards playground equipment	6047.00
20/12/2023	Citizens Advice New Forest	Annual grant December 2023	5000.00
27/12/2023	Dorset Fence	Replacement galvansied gate for Bath Road recreation ground	1020.00
27/12/2023	Moore Barlow	Fees for advice of Statement of Common Ground from 2019	1818.00

REPORT TO POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 30th January 2024**BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR APRIL 2023 TO DEC 2023****1. BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this budgetary control report is to inform Members of the actual income and expenditure for the 9 months April 2023 to December 2023.

2. OVERVIEW APRIL 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023

Page 2 of appendix 1 attached to this report shows that the Total Net Committees' Expenditure for the 9 months ending 31st December 2023 is £755,235 compared with the approved revised budget of £1,881,724 (before making transfers from reserves of £995,360).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Revenue Budget -. Total revenue expenditure for the nine months to the end of December 2023 was **£931,104** compared to the total revised budget expenditure of £1,275,030. This represents 73.0% of the total and gives us reassurance that the total for the year will be in line with the revised budget.

The attached budget management statement reflects the figures for the 2023/24 Revised Budget which was approved at the Full Council Meeting held in January.

The attached budget management statement does highlight a small number of negative budget variations to the end of December as follows:

Code	Detail	Rev Budget	Actual	Variation	Virement
0115	Photocopying	1,200	1,327	127	500
0152	Spares, small tools	6,300	7,053	753	1200
0159	Elections	16,000	16,512	512	520
0136	Sewerage	6,500	8,456	1,956	2,000
	TOTAL VIREMENTS				3,720

It is recommended that the virements required above are made from the following account code

Code	Detail	Rev Budget	Actual	Variation	Virement
0130	Electricity	60,000	31,471	-28,529	-3,720
	TOTAL VIREMENTS				-3,720

There are a few expenditure codes which we are monitoring closely as they are coming close to being fully used:

- Staff uniform
- Office Supplies
- Advertising
- Maintenance

However, there is scope for further codes from which a virement could be approved if required.

Income

Income received in the nine months is shown in the top half of page 2 of the appendix. A total of **£362,499** has been received in nine months, which represents 88.2% of the revised budget for the year.

The following income streams are now complete for the year:

CIL monies, SWB entrance fees, Bowls Club and Cricket Club rent.

The following items still have income to be collected in the remainder of the year and all being well the revised budget should be reached:

Interest received, market income, rental income from the Tennis club, Football Club and Pennington Pavilion.

The tenants of the Sea Water Baths offices have recently given notice. The offices will be decorated and surveyed; we will then readvertise for another tenant.

Capital Budget

Page 2 of appendix 1 shows the actual capital spend for the nine months. A total of £186,631 was spent in the period on capital items, against the revised budget of £1,017,720.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Members

- a) note this report
- b) agree the virements

For further information please contact:

Sue Finnimore RFO

BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR PERIOD:

APRIL TO DEC

Code	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2023/24 £	REVISED BUDGET 2023/24 £	ACTUAL APRIL TO DEC 2023/24 £	VARIATION REV BUDG 2023/24 £	actual to date as % of rev budget
0104	Travel Allowances	500	500	143	357	28.6%
0105	Town Mayor's Allowance	1,500	1,500	1,237	263	82.5%
0106	Bank Charges	1,500	1,500	983	517	65.5%
0107	Training	3,000	3,000	2,785	216	92.8%
0108	Member's Expenses & Allowances	13,335	13,335	8,619	4,716	64.6%
0109	Rent - Offices/Chamber	11,000	11,000	7,500	3,500	68.2%
0110	Service Charge	9,900	11,050	8,553	2,498	77.4%
0111	Insurances	18,025	18,525	18,396	129	99.3%
0112	Audit Fees	4,200	3,800	3,775	25	99.3%
0113	Telephone	10,800	10,800	7,618	3,182	70.5%
0114	Stationery/Printing	1,200	1,200	958	242	79.8%
0115	Photocopying	1,200	1,200	1,327	-127	110.6%
0116	Subscriptions	3,255	3,255	3,090	165	94.9%
0117	Furniture Equipment	1,000	1,000	941	59	94.1%
0118	Professional & Technical Fees	7,500	7,500	5,168	2,332	68.9%
0120	Public Relations/Advertising	3,150	3,150	2,655	495	84.3%
0122	Pitch care materials	21,000	21,000	19,056	1,944	90.7%
0123	Cleaning	39,900	40,600	37,868	2,732	93.3%
0124	Solicitors Fees	4,000	4,000	268	3,732	6.7%
0125	Maintenance/Materials	66,000	67,000	54,692	12,308	81.6%
0126	Inspection Fees	1,500	1,500	585	915	39.0%
0127	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,413	87	94.2%
0128	Tree Surgery	7,500	35,500	9,073	26,427	25.6%
0129	Shrubs, Plants, wildflower seeds	8,100	8,100	6,924	1,176	85.5%
0130	Electricity	60,000	60,000	31,471	28,529	52.5%
0131	Waste Disposal/Dust Mats	1,500	1,500	671	829	44.8%
0133	Water	8,800	9,350	6,589	2,761	70.5%
0134	SWB treatment costs	25,000	26,920	16,920	10,000	62.9%
0135	Business Rates	33,495	29,495	26,596	2,899	90.2%
0136	Sewerage	5,500	6,500	8,456	-1,956	130.1%
0137	Pump Maintenance/Hire	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0.0%
0138	Staff Uniform	1,575	1,575	1,262	313	80.1%
0139	Health & Safety	1,950	4,950	3,951	999	79.8%
0142	Plans/Maps/Publications	550	550	542	8	98.5%
0146	Waste Transfer	10,000	10,000	5,766	4,234	57.7%
0147	Signs	500	500	225	275	45.0%
0150	Fuel	11,500	11,500	7,947	3,553	69.1%
0151	Licences	1,600	1,600	1,501	99	93.8%
0152	Spares/Small Tools	6,300	6,300	7,053	-753	112.0%
0153	Plant Hire	1,000	1,000	60	940	6.0%
0155	IT support and equipment	13,000	13,000	10,801	2,199	83.1%
0158	CCTV	15,485	15,485	7,093	8,392	45.8%
0159	Elections	14,000	16,000	16,512	-512	103.2%
0160	Grants -General	16,000	23,500	17,350	6,150	73.8%
0163	Grants -CANF	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	100.0%
0162	Support for Town Amenities	10,000	10,000	7,500	2,500	75.0%
0166	Support towards Saturday bus service	16,000	17,800	0	17,800	0.0%
0165	Dog Waste & litter collection	8,250	8,250	3,897	4,353	47.2%
0143	Natural England - re Penn Common	5,000	5,000	3,043	1,957	60.9%
0167	Civic Expenses	500	500	0	500	0.0%
0172	Christmas Lighting & bunting	22,550	20,550	18,683	1,867	90.9%
0173	Town celebrations	25,000	20,000	18,412	1,588	92.1%
0170	Postage	1,020	1,020	453	567	44.4%
0178	Payroll Contractor	1,200	1,200	713	488	59.4%
0179	Wages Temporary	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0.0%
0180	Salaries	195,761	199,347	147,556	51,791	74.0%
0181	Employer's N.I. Salaries	18,112	17,464	12,429	5,035	71.2%
0182	Employer's Superan Salaries	104,339	107,727	79,745	27,982	74.0%
0185	Gross Wages-Market Inspectors	11,950	12,735	7,860	4,875	61.7%
0190	Gross Wages-Groundstaff	293,805	306,052	229,789	76,263	75.1%
0191	Groundstaff -Employers' N.I.	28,852	28,145	21,631	6,514	76.9%
	TOTAL REVENUE EXPENDITURE	1,218,659	1,275,030	931,104	343,926	73.0%

BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT FOR PERIOD:

APRIL TO DEC

Code	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET 2023/24 £	REVISED BUDGET 2023/24 £	ACTUAL APRIL TO DEC 2023/24 £	VARIATION REV BUDG 2023/24 £	actual to date as % of rev budget
	INCOME					
0350	Income-Rent Tennis Club	-7,276	-7,098	-5,334	-1,764	75.1%
0351	Income-Rent SWB offices	-12,840	-12,840	-8,820	-4,020	68.7%
0352	Income-Rent Bowls	-6,449	-6,329	-6,328	-1	100.0%
0353	Income-Rent Woodside Cottages	-22,000	-23,000	-17,878	-5,122	77.7%
0354	Income-Rent Football	-3,306	-3,306	-1,685	-1,621	51.0%
0356	Income-Rent Pennington Common	-200	-200	0	-200	0.0%
0355	Income - Pennington Pavilion	-10,316	-11,316	-8,580	-2,736	75.8%
0357	Income-Rent Cricket Club	-5,121	-5,051	-5,055	4	100.1%
0358	Income-Rent Pavilion Woodside Park	-4,800	-4,800	-3,600	-1,200	75.0%
0359	Income-Rent Allotments	-3,126	-3,126	-3,301	175	105.6%
0360	Income - Croquet	-1,184	-1,184	-1,185	1	100.1%
0373	Capital finance - developers cont	0	0	0	0	
0376	Income Other	-12,000	-12,000	-12,660	660	105.5%
0374	Grant receivable - PennCommon	-1,826	-1,826	-4,414	2,588	241.7%
0361	Recharges	-2,500	-2,500	-2,058	-442	82.3%
0378	Grants received	-5,000	-5,000	-2,000	-3,000	40.0%
0379	CIL monies received	-18,000	-30,000	-32,516	2,516	108.4%
0392	Interest On Deposits	-15,000	-57,500	-55,148	-2,352	95.9%
	Loan repayment Football Club	-800	-800	0	-800	0.0%
0399	Donations & event	-5,000	-5,000	-4,563	-437	91.3%
0393	Market Income	-147,000	-150,000	-121,737	-28,263	81.2%
0394	Insurance Income	-200	-200	0	-200	0.0%
0395	Electricity Income	-20,000	-20,000	-17,315	-2,685	86.6%
0396	Games Fees Income	-4,950	-4,950	-3,885	-1,065	78.5%
0397	Entry/Hire- SWB	-48,000	-43,000	-44,439	1,439	103.3%
	TOTAL REVENUE INCOME	-356,894	-411,026	-362,499	-48,527	88.2%
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
0580	Capital-New Plant & Equipment	8,000	29,500	29,418	82	
0598	Capital - xmas lights	6,000	7,000	7,000	0	
	Security	0	10,000	9,800	200	
	Repay locality grant unused	0	14,040	14,040	0	
0579	Total of Alexandra Road Pot	790,000	790,000	0	790,000	
	Replacement Bins	10,000	15,000	14,833	167	
0589	Market	5,000	5,000	3,492	1,508	
0587	Capital - playground refurbishment	30,000	30,000	25,061	4,939	
0584	Neighbourhood Plan	10,000	10,000	1,703	8,297	
	Drinking water fountain	0	2,500	2,495	5	
0581	Tennis centre fencing and courts	63,000	93,000	73,204	19,796	
	Woodside pavilion alterations	0	11,680	5,585	6,095	
	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	922,000	1,017,720	186,631	831,089	
	TOTAL NET COMMITTEES' EXPENDITURE	1,783,765	1,881,724	755,235	1,126,489	
Add	Net Transfer from Provisions	-878,000	-940,460			
Add	Transfer to General Fund Balance	-19,400	-54,900			
PRECEPT		886,365	886,365	755,235		

GRANT AID 2024

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT	PROJECT	AWARDED
Lymington Amateur Rowing Club	£1500	<p>Our mission is to encourage all forms of rowing in the Lymington and New Forest areas and to create a fun and thriving social community for our members. We have around 160 members including around 50 under 18 juniors and over 100 adult members. Our members participate in a wide range of rowing activities – including coastal and river racing, adventure rowing and recreational rowing for fun, fitness and wellbeing. We have rowers on the water at Lymington every day. We have recently been accredited as an Indoor Rowing Centre by British Rowing and are now able to offer indoor as well as water based pathways .</p> <p>We run Learn To Row courses around Easter for both Adults and Juniors to bring new people into the sport. The club has grown rapidly in the past three years and we want to continue to develop the club and introduce more local people to the sport. The club is run entirely by volunteers. It is lead the Executive Committee who meet monthly. The club holds an AGM each October at which Committee members are elected and membership fees for the coming year are agreed.</p> <p>The club is based in Lymington at the Lymington Shores Development. Our postal address is Almansa Way, Lymington SO41 9PX. Whilst welcome, the rapid growth in club membership in the last few years is placing a significant strain on the club's existing boats and equipment. We want to purchase a new coastal boat which will cost in excess of £15,000 as well as new oars and we also need to undertake refurbishment of some of our existing fleet. Our fundraising target for 2024 is £20,000.</p> <p>We have considered increases in membership fees to help finance this but whilst modest increases have been made, we are keen to ensure that the cost of membership is not a barrier to participation. We believe that fundraising, although more time-consuming, is a more appropriate way for us to finance this project. The new boat and oars will be used by all our members and will enable us to get more people afloat and enjoying the benefits of this sport.</p> <p>The club currently has around 160 members and it is our ambition to continue to grow our membership from the local area. Over 100 of our current members are Lymington & Pennington residents all of whom would benefit from our goal to purchase another coastal boat. The remainder of our members are local to Lymington & Pennington living in surrounding towns and villages including Brockenhurst, Beaulieu, Milford-on-Sea. We would be delighted with any amount contribution the Council were able to make but a grant of £1,500 would enable us to purchase a badly new set of rowing oars or could be put towards the cost of a new boat.</p> <p>We have set ourselves a Boat Fund fundraising goal for 2024 is £20,000 which will enable us to buy a new coastal rowing boat, some new sets of oars and to maintain our existing equipment. We hope to raise at least half through fundraising activities, the first of which is a 24 hour sponsored indoor row on 9/10 February 2024. As the countdown to the 2024 Paris Olympics beings, in this challenge we will be attempting to row the 350km distance to Paris on rowing machines and then see how far we can get back in 24 hours. We are hoping to raise £2,500 from this event and plan 3/4 further events later in the year.</p>	
Priestlands School	£3000	<p>The recent poor weather has damaged a recently installed chicken pen and area and we are looking to replace this with a better offering and to use in school students and staff to build this. We need this due to animal welfare and area we can mitigate avian flu. This area is vital to our school for all students but especially children with specialise need, behavioural and for more vocational skills.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replace the external chicken enclosure 2. Add second pedestrian gate to the chicken enclosure to from a doble door system 3. Add a second pedestrian gate to the front of the garden to form a double door system <p>As we are a school we have safeguarding requirements and cannot open this area more widely. But our local community are our students. Some find this area so special. We are also offering additional use to specialist groups, i.e. another local Hampshire school at no cost. Potentially looking at other outreach groups in the Junior School/Brownies/Scouts etc</p> <p>The material cost £3000 – this is made up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 40 meters of fencing panels (793.68) - Posts set (£22.50) - 3 Protek 100 gate (£1,737.00) - 50 bags of cement (£382.50_ - Contingency <p>Approximately £2,935.68 plus labours costs (these will be funded by school in overtime/work time)</p>	
St Barbe Museum	£1256	<p>St Barbe took over the print and distribution of the Town Trail Leaflets from the Town Council. The leaflets have not been printed or distributed since COVID. St Barbe is looking for financial support towards the cost of printing the new leaflets. These will be available for the local community and tourists.</p>	