



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Tuesday 6th June, 2023, at 18.00pm in the Law Library at the Town Hall, Duke street, Barrow-Furness

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Cllr P Jackson | Present | Cllr M Younger | Present |
| Cllr F Chatfield | Apologies | Cllr D Palmer | Present |
| Cllr A Coles | Present | Cllr C Aintree | Present |
| Cllr B Elliot | Present | Cllr N Phillips | Present |
| Cllr S Herbert | Present | Cllr J Tyson | Apologies |

In attendance: Lesley Smyth (Clerk)

F/1/2023 Election and Appointment of Chair for 2023-2024

The Clerk asked for nominations for the Office of Chair for the ensuing year. Cllr P Jackson was proposed by Cllr D Palmer and seconded by Cllr S Herbert. No other members were nominated for the position.

Resolved: That Cllr P Jackson is the Chair for the municipal year 2023-2024. Cllr P Jackson then assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

F/2/2023 Election and Appointment of Vice-Chair for 2023-2024

Nominations were requested for the Office of Vice-Chair for the ensuing year. Cllr B Elliot was proposed by Cllr S Herbert and seconded by Cllr M Younger. No other members were nominated for the position.

F/3/2023 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr F Chatfield and Cllr J Tyson.

F/4/2023 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr N Phillips in respect of his membership on the Westmorland and Furness Council.

F/5/2023 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

F/6/2023 Meetings of the Finance Committee

The following dates were approved. All Meetings to be held at 18.00pm in the Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. LA14 2LD. Town Clerk to enquire as to the availability of Zoom/Team access for Councillors unable to attend the meetings. If approved there will be a short system test prior to the Committee on 5th July, 2023.

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 5 th July, 2023 |
| Wednesday | 6 th September, 2023 |
| Wednesday | 4 th October, 2023 |
| Wednesday | 8 th November, 2023 |
| Wednesday | 6 th December, 2023 |
| Wednesday | 10 th January, 2024 |
| Wednesday | 7 th February, 2024 |
| Wednesday | 6 th March, 2024 |

F/7/2023 Tenders for the Development and Installation of the Barrow Town Council Website

The Councillors reviewed the Report attached as Appendix 2 to the Agenda. Four Tenders had been received. A lengthy debate considered the following services offered and their associated costs:

- Design
- Installation
- Annual Hosting
- Copywriting

The chosen provider was approved. The Clerk to write confirming the acceptance of the Tender. Work to commence at the earliest opportunity.

F/8/2023 Town Council Bank Accounts

The Clerk reported on the progress to date and noted the additional information requested from Councillors to finalise this matter.

F/9/2023 Mayoral Driver

The Councillors considered the appointment of a Mayoral Driver. The position was approved in principle. Full costing to be presented to the next meeting.

F/10/23 Budget for 2023-2024

The Councillors considered the draft budget attached as Appendix 3 to the Agenda. The Budget was approved in principle with the following points noted for discussion at the next meeting:-

- An indication of the powers to be devolved from Westmorland and Furness Council to the Barrow Town Council so an agreed Budget can be determined for the ensuing year.
- The suggestion that a part-time Deputy Town Clerk be appointed to assist the current Town Clerk.
- Location details of the Grazing and stables land and associated costings.
- Allotment Committee Budget details

Councillors were requested to submit desired project costs to the Town Clerk by 20th June, 2023 for inclusion in the next Agenda.

F/11/23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th July, 2023 at 18.00pm in the Law Library, Town Hall,
Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. LA14 2LD

The meeting closed at 19.10pm.

Lesley Smyth

Town Clerk