



Beaminster Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Beaminster Town Councils Finance & General Purposes Committee will take place in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 20th August 2024 at 7.00pm.

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Town Clerk
13th August 2024

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE 2024**
To **APPROVE** the minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 25th June 2024 (**attached**)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

4. **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS**
To **RESOLVE** payments & receipts for the month of August 2024 (**to follow**)

5. **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**
During the first five months of the financial year a number of issues have come up for which budget provision has been exceeded or the absence of a budget. To **CONSIDER** funding for those issues. (**attached**)

To **CONSIDER** budget for Christmas Lights 'Switch On' event 2024 (**attached**)

6. **INSURANCE RENEWAL 2024/2025**
To **APPROVE** insurance policy renewal for 2024/2025 in the sum of £10,975.42 and **CONSIDER** the addition of cyber insurance cover at a cost of £386.68

7. **DORSET COUNCIL - THE BIG CONVERSATION**
As a result of recent changes to the administration at Dorset Council and a change of national government Dorset Council are looking to creating a new Council Plan, to set out their key priorities to be delivered by the Council over the next five years.

The four main areas of focus are:

- Growing our economy
- Providing high quality housing
- Responding to the climate crisis
- Supporting communities for all

They have launched 'A Big Conversation' across Dorset and are hosting an event at Bridport late August. For the benefit of those members attending to **CONSIDER** comment/suggestions the Town Council might wish to put forward.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To **NOTE** the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 22nd October 2024.

9. PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of quotations.

(a) Dorset Police & Crime Commissioner – Op Relentless Community Fund

Correspondence received advised the Council's application for grant funding submitted in respect of the provision of controlled access to the Memorial Playing Field car park had been approved in the sum of £5,000. To **CONSIDER** next stage of the project.

(b) Christmas Trees 2024

To **CONSIDER** content of Town Clerk's confidential report (*attached*)

(c) Community Fridge

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