

Minutes of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2024** at **6.00pm** at **Ferryhill Town Hall, Chapel Terrace, Ferryhill.**

PRESENT: Councillor: Councillors C Bihari (Vice Chair)
C Atkinson, P Atkinson, K Conroy, J Donald,
J Makepeace

Officials: L Owens, Town Clerk

R.15.24-25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D Farry & L Fellows.

Councillor S Jones and Councillor V Collins were not present at the meeting, however no apologies for absence were received.

R.16.25-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

R.17.24-25 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

There were no members dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

R.18.24-25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

R.19.24-25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS & INCOME

Members considered the Statement of Accounts & Income that had been previously circulated.

Councillor Makepeace raised a query about the water usage at East End Allotments on page 2 of the statement of accounts and noted that is excessive when compared to the other allotment sites. The Town Clerk advised that she would look into this further and also look at previous usage on this allotment site to determine if there is a pattern of usage or if the increased usage could be down to a water leak.

Councillor C Bihari asked if there had been any interest from businesses about renting out the kiosks in the market place. The Town Clerk advised that she had done one viewing recently and received interest from one other enquirer, however nothing progressed. Councillor C Bihari advised that he has the details of someone who has recently set up a community pantry and they may potentially be interested in renting out a kiosk.

Further discussions took place in relation to the kiosks in the Town Centre and Councillor C Atkinson advised that the likes of charities may be

interested in hiring out the kiosks on a daily basis for example to help promote their charity.

The Town Clerk also mentioned another way of increasing income could be to offer a franking service to other businesses explaining that we already take our franked post to the post office , however the cost of the having a franking machine can be expensive, therefore we could offer franking for businesses and this way they only have to pay the cost of the franked post and not have the added cost of also paying for and maintaining a franking machine.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Statement of Accounts and Income be accepted.
- b) That the Town Clerk liaises with Councillor C Bihari to get the contact details in relation to the Community Pantry in order to reach out to the Community Pantry and establish if they would have any interest in renting out a kiosk.
- c) That the Town Clerk also reaches out to local charities to establish if they would be interested in hiring out a kiosk at a daily rate as a way of advertising and making their charity known.
- d) That the Town Clerk explore the possibility of offering a franking service to other local businesses.

R.20.24-25 REVIEW OF PHOTOCOPIER PROVISION

Members considered a report which had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED

That a four-year contract, terminating in October 2028, be undertaken with Total Business Group for the extended rental of the Toshiba 330AC machine, based on a quarterly cost of £84.15 plus VAT and to be financed through Grenke.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 6:10pm.

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CHAIR.....

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