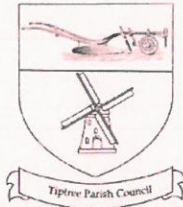


TIPTREE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee took place on Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7.00pm in the Meeting Room at the Community Centre, 1a Caxton Close.

Present: Cllrs Michael Maund (**Chairman**) Ed Birkin
Sue Allen-Shepherd Colin Bigg
Mark Woodcraft

Also in attendance – The Clerk to the Council and the Deputy Clerk.

- 051/22 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barbara Wood, who was ill.
- 052/22 **Declarations of Interests** – There were no declarations of interests.
- 053/22 **Chairman's Remarks** – None
- 054/22 **Public Questions** - None.
- 055/22 **Minutes of Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 27 September 2022 were unanimously **approved** as being an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
- 056/22 **Rialtas Accounting Package:** The Clerk reported on a letter received from Rialtas, informing of the sale of the company to N. Harris Computer Corporation (a subsidiary of Constellation Software). No changes are expected in terms of service, only the senior management. **RESOLVED to receive and note the information.**
- 057/22 **Solar Panel Bid**– the clerk provided the 4 quotes received for the Community Centre Solar Panel ITT. The Committee reviewed the bids, and provisionally wished to recommend Solar Repair, subject to satisfactory responses regarding bird protection and energy diversion. They were recommended on the basis of providing the best value for money. **The selection will be passed to Full Council as the recommendation of the P&F Committee.**
- 058/22 **Staffing Update:** The Clerk reported on the recent interview of a candidate for the Community Centre Caretaker Position (weekends), and the receipt of the resignation of the Village Caretaker. **The Committee RESOLVED to recommend the hiring of the new Caretaker to Full Council, and endorsed the advertising for the Village Caretaker role.**

059/22 **Community Centre Pricing Structure:** The committee reviewed the pricing increases of 2, 4 and 6%, in order to combat rising prices for utilities and staff costs. The committee **Resolved unanimously to a 6% increase to hiring rates with effect from Jan 1st 2023.**

060/22 **Financial Report:** The Financial report was **reviewed and noted.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

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