

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.00pm**

held remotely using appropriate technology in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crimes Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") which came into force on 4th April 2020

**(Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Committee)**

**Present:** Cllr Adams – Chair;

Cllrs Anstey, Earth, Hale, Jackson, Lewendon, Mouland, Paton & Wilson

**In attendance:**

Mr P Goddard, Town Clerk

Mrs R Edwards, Asst Town Clerk

Mrs M Coatham, Finance Officer (RFO)

A Trustee of the Fordingbridge & District Community Association (Avonway Community Centre)

Ruth Crocker, Footpath Officer

A reporter from the Salisbury Journal

#### **1. To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllrs Goldsmith and White.

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest.

#### **3. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public**

No matters raised.

#### **4. To consider grant applications under Section 137/CIL**

- **Fordingbridge & District Community Association (Avonway Community Centre)**

It was agreed at the meeting of the Finance and Policy committee on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to support in principle the Fordingbridge & District Community Association (Avonway Community Centre) grant application for a new roof and to decide the amount at a later meeting.

A trustee from the Fordingbridge & District Community Association (Avonway Community Centre) made a presentation to the Council setting out the reasons a new roof is required and the costs involved. £6000 has already been fundraised by the FDCA; a further £40000 is still needed for the project. The Fordingbridge & District Community Association are also applying for grants from other organisations, namely New Forest District Council, County Councillor Edward Heron and Veolia Environmental Trust (landfill grant). FDCA asked Fordingbridge Town Council for visible evidence of support to show other grantors and for financial assistance with the new roof.

Cllr Jackson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** to donate £10,000 to the Fordingbridge & District Community Association (Avonway Community Centre) when the money is required. All in favour.

The FDCA Trustee said that they very much appreciate the Town Council's help and will do their best to make good use of it and to continue to support the people of Fordingbridge.

#### **5. To note the date of the next meeting as 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 (budget meetings)**

The meeting closed at 7:20pm