

**Minutes of  
Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
Monday, 20 November 2023**

**Present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr. K. Beer

**Councillors:** P. Burrows, N. Dyke, M. Hartnell, A. Singh & C. Wood

**In attendance:** Town Clerk

**Public:** None

**Others:** Cllr. E. Bowman was also in attendance, but not a member of the committee.

**22. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Brooks & Haggerty and accepted.

**23. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Hartnell declared a personal interest as an East Devon District and Devon County Councillor. Cllrs. Hartnell & Singh declared personal interests as local business owners.

**24. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, held on Monday, 16 October 2023.  
(moved Cllr. Burrows, seconded Cllr. Singh)

**25. Public Question Time**

No members of the public were present. However, Cllr. Bowman spoke in support of his budget proposals including the installation of flags on the seafront and a new noticeboard at Marshlands. He also spoke in support of the town holding events to commemorate D-Day and would be speaking to Seaton Chamber and others to generate interest. The Town Clerk advised that an approach had been received from a member of the public regarding a community grant for such an event and had been advised that, whilst the policy did not permit the award of grants to individuals, as the proposal was for an event at the Gateway, he had been advised to discuss it with the Manager of the Gateway who may wish to apply for a community grant to assist with funding such an event.

**26. Lloyds Business Savings Account**

Members noted that a 32-day notice, interest-bearing account had been set up with Lloyds and was currently paying 2.6% interest. A sum of £75,000 had been deposited in said account.

## 27. Budget 2024-25

Members considered the draft budget that had been agreed in principle at the October meeting of this committee, line by line, along with further proposals from Cllrs. Bowman & Wood that had been put forward since that date (V3.). Various adjustments were agreed and the Town Clerk would arrange for the draft budget to be updated to V4 to reflect these. The Town Clerk advised that a further meeting of Council may be required in December or early January once the tax base was confirmed by EDDC. Members **RESOLVED** to recommend the updated draft to Council for approval, including the agreed adjustments, once the tax base had been received from EDDC so that the precept determined could be calculated. (moved Cllr. Hartnell, seconded Cllr. Beer)

Meeting closed at 7.36pm

Chairman: K Beer

Date: 8 January 2024