

**Minutes of the Communications Committee 4 January 2023 held at the Civic Hall, Uppermill.**

**Present** Cllrs. S. Al-Hamdani (CH) L. Dawson, L. Lancaster, M. Woodvine H. Bishop

**385. Apologies for absence** All present

**386. Declarations of interest** None

**387. Minutes from 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting** Agreed as true record and signed at the meeting

**388. Saddleworth Independent and Tameside Correspondent – ceased printing**

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that the hard copy printing had now ceased and was now only online. There was some discussion around whether to keep the same amount in the budget or allocate it to some thing else. It was agreed to take the Saddleworth Independent advertising amount out of this budget and put it under miscellaneous with a view to utilising it on the proposed new website.

**389. Budget Proposal 2023-24**

After some discussion it was agreed to sign off the same amount as last year £5430. This will be added to the budget and shared at the next Finance meeting.

**390. Identification Badges for Parish Councillors**

Cllr Woodvine had requested this item be added to the agenda. He would like all Parish Councillors to wear an ID badge; there was some discussion around this and it was decided that the Clerk would order some of the larger enamel badges (minimum order 50) and also look into whether OMBC would be able to supply some photo ID badges for both staff and Councillors.

**391. New website update**

There was some discussion around this, and it was agreed we urgently needed a new website. Cllr Al-Hamdani to work on a design and discuss with Cornerstones and ask for a quote and we will go from there. It was agreed he would be supported in this by Cllr Bishop.

**392. Advertising of Council services and facilities**

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that as the Saddleworth Independent was only advertising online, we needed new ideas on how and where we can advertise going forward. It was agreed Councillors would think about this and bring some ideas to the next meeting.

**393. Use of social media**

Cllr Al-Hamdani thanked Cllr Woodvine for all his work and support on the SPC Facebook page. There was some discussion around how we could link a scheduler of diary events to our posts. Cllr Bishop was asked to bring a proposal to the next meeting but after some further discussion it was agreed that Cllr Al-Hamdani would ask Bev Osborne to look into this for us.

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 @ 19.00hrs**