**Minutes, Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 22 April 2024 at the Civic Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs K Dawson (Chairman), B Beeley (Vice Chairman)

S Al-Hamdani E Adamson

K Barton M Bingley

H Bishop R Blackmore

L Dawson P Gaul

J Garner M Powell

G Sheldon L Thompson

D Wall A Wrigley

The Chairman Cllr K Dawson welcomed Councillors to the meeting and prayers were led by the Rev’d Barbara Christopher

**3575. To receive Public Questions**

None received

**3576. Chairman’s Urgent Business**

None to discuss

**3577. Correspondence**

The Clerk read out correspondence received from Tesco Bank in response to her letter with the request to reinstate the second ATM machine that was removed in 2020. There was some discussion around this, Councillors agreed the response was unsatisfactory and it was resolved the Clerk would escalate this to the Chief Executive.

The Clerk read out correspondence received from the Link in response to our application for a request for the cash and banking hub facilities in Saddleworth to be reviewed. The Link have advised 26th March they will respond within 3 months of the email response. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow this up at the end of June if no response had been received.

**3578. To receive apologies for Absence:** Cllrs A Marland, P Walsh, K Phillips.

**Absent:** Cllr M Birchall.

**3579. To receive Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**3580. To approve and confirm as a correct record the Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th March 2024**

Cllr Garner asked for an update on the progress made on the Community Fridge proposal. Cllr Powell explained that following the meeting at the library, it was agreed it was not considered to be a feasible venue. Cllr Al-Hamdani suggested the Satellite Centre and local churches may be an option and the Task & Finish Group would be exploring these options at their next meeting.

Cllr Garner asked whether there had been a response from Highways regarding attendance at Traffic & Transport meetings following Council’s request the Clerk emailed them. The Clerk advised she had not received a response to date. There was some discussion around this and it was agreed the Clerk would follow this up.

The minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr Beeley, All in favour.

**3581. To note the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held 21st March 2024**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr Sheldon. All in favour.

**3582. To note the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held 28th March 2024**

Cllr Al-Hamdani advised that the consultation of the Neighbourhood Plan was now open, closing 10th June. He updated Councillors on the progress so far and that the consultation meeting for residents had been postponed on the request of OMBC and will now be held Tuesday 14th May at 7pm. There was some discussion around the distribution of the 8 page flyer as some were yet to reach certain areas of Saddleworth. It was requested the Clerk send out the consultation documents to all Councillors.

The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr Blackmore. All in favour.

**3583. To note the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 2nd April 2024.**

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Bishop, seconded by Cllr Blackmore. All in favour.

**3584. To note the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held 10th April 2024 (to follow).**

Cllr Powell advised he was facilitating a meeting with the committee to discuss the Yorkshire Day arrangements and the 50th Anniversary.

The minutes were then proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded Cllr Wrigley. All in favour.

**3585. Councillors’ standard email addresses for discussion**

The Clerk advised she had been asked about providing SPC email address for Councillors. It was also a recommendation by NALC. She had been given a costing by our ICT provider using Microsoft but the annual cost would be £792 plus vat per annum. She had asked Cllr Al-Hamdani, as Chairman of the Communications Committee, and an expert in this field, to look into alternatives. Cllr Al-Hamdani advised he could register a domain with a different provider and it would be £131.88 plus vat per annum. After some discussion around this, Cllr Al-Hamdani proposed the cheaper alternative, seconded by Cllr Wall; 15 in favour with 1 abstention.

**3586. Accounts for Payment Income £8,546.50 Expenditure £28,929.79**

The accounts were proposed by Cllr Al-Hamdani, seconded by Cllr Sheldon, All in favour**.**

The Chairman Cllr Dawson, thanked all Councillors for their support and commitment over the last year.

Cllr Al-Hamdani responded with a thanks to Cllr Dawson for his hard work and commitment and fundraising.

**3587. Dates of the next meetings:-**

Association of Councillors meeting Monday 13th May at 19.30hrs

Annual Parish meeting Monday 20th May at 18.30hrs

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