

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on Friday 14th March at 7pm

Members Present:

Cllr Baron

Cllr Neal

Cllr Royds

Cllr Whitehead

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

No members of the public were present.

1. To receive apologies.

Councillor Aldred was unable to attend due to illness.

2. To review quotes received for a new WTC website.

Councillors reviewed the quotes received and all were in agreement to award Easy Websites with the provision of both the town council email addresses and as a website provider.

3. To discuss the procedure for grant applications to Whitworth Town Council.

Councillor reviewed the current policy and suggested amendments regarding

- a. Changing the word donation to grant throughout the policy
- b. Setting a maximum grant of £350 per application.
- c. Successful applicants acknowledging Whitworth Town Council's contribution and providing evidence of the use of the grant, together with the completion of an evaluation form.
- d. Specifying that the grant must be spent within 12 months of being awarded.
- e. Restricting applicants to one application per financial year.
- f. Amending the application form to include bank details for applicant organisations.
- g. Adding a compulsory tick box to the application form, so that applicants agree to present their application at the next Whitworth Town Council meeting.

All councillors agreed that these amendments should be recommended for approval at the next WTC meeting.

4. To discuss the Mildred Crabtree Picnic Area.

Councillors discussed the area and agreed that the proposed repairs to the fencing still need to be made. All were in agreement that the clerk should obtain new quotes for the required works and then bring them to a Finance Monitoring Committee meeting for review.

5. To receive an update of progress regarding Whitworth Leisure Centre.

Councillors Whitehead and Baron updated members regarding the latest WLC CIC meetings and planned repair works.

6. To set a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be arranged when the clerk has obtained quotes for the works required at the Mildred Crabtree Picnic Area.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.