

EMPLOYMENT, FINANCE & STRATEGY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 21st May 2024

2:30pm at Parish Council Offices

Minutes

1. **Present:** Cllrs Riordan, Sharp, Hotson, Martin, Arger and Perry plus Clerk and Deputy Clerk/RFO
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mclaughlin
3. **Dispensations** – Cllr Sharp and Hoston on item 6
4. **Minutes of previous meeting** - Minutes of the 29th April 2024 and 7th May 2024

Following a debate Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Arger seconded mins of 29th April 2024 and 7th May 2024 and it was agreed to set up the HR panel.

5. More effective working groups

Following a debate the group generally agreed with the suggested ideas such as an action plan to focus on delivery, for project champions, and setting dates to try and help manage the range of meetings.

There was a discussion regarding the best days /times for meetings , also that the 3G Multi-Sport group membership may need to change if “SMFC, SMYFC and the Girl Guides” form a consortium to bid for the management of the site.

Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Hotson seconded to recommend the report to Council, agreed unanimously.

6. Update BT report and Meeting Room Hire

Following a debate the group agreed that new information had come forward so the option of using the Primary School would be advantageous

Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Perry seconded to recommend the report to Council, agreed majority; 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

7. Internal Audit Report – review and any actions to follow up

The group noted the report, which was excellent and thanked the RFO for all her hard work. That no further actions were required

Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Hotson seconded to recommend to Council that the Internal Audit Report required no further actions, agreed unanimously.

8. Review of Annual Parish Meeting - discuss

Following a debate – agreed to write to Anita Thompson thanking her for presentation – note stimulated interest in making the Kings Head and Asset of Community Value – draft documents available for Scenic to finalise.

Cllr Arger proposed that "the Christmas Thank You event from 2025 be moved to the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2025. Hopefully, the weather would be better and with daylight hours more people might attend. We could still invite the Mayor, our County Councillor, the Police and have more of an Open House for residents."

Therefore Volunteers event 2024 prior to Christmas

Then Annual Parish meeting should include the Volunteer Awards 2025

9. BEAM Grant application - update

Following a discussion agreed to recommend to Council a grant of £250 for BEAMS

10. Meeting time 3rd Thursday of the month

1:30pm – 3:30pm Thursday 20th June 2024

DJ review and bring forward updated Financial Regulations