

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 23rd March 2023 AT 2:45pm in the Cavendish Room, Events Centre.**

Present:, Cllr. D McGregor, Cllr J. Wells, Cllr K Jones. Cllr E Glassey,
Cllr J Clifton, Cllr C Gilfillan, Cllr R Turner, Cllr Smith

Also in attendance: R Nunn (Clerk), H Brown (Asst to the Clerk),

114. Public Participation

1 x member of the public (MOP) in attendance.

MOP asked about the costs of the former Youth Centre Building. Cllr McGregor reported that they would be reported when they became available.

MOP also queried the effectiveness of advertising costs for the Events Centre. The Clerk pointed out that Events Centre income is at least 25% higher than at the same point in 2021/22.

115. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bend, Cllr J Clifton, Cllr N Sanders

116. Declarations of Interest

None

117. Motions to Vary Order of Business

None

118. Police report

Police in attendance. Statistics for February were circulated at the meeting. which showed little change over February 2022.

All to Note

119. Events Centre Report

106.1 Managers report

The Events Centre Manager gave an update on recent and future events and progress on ticket sales.

All to note

120. District Council Report

120.1 Cllr McGregor reported that the District Council had completed the formation of its own property company, Dragonfly.

All to Note

121. County Council Report

No report

122. To Approve the Minutes of:

122.1 The Parish Council meeting held on 23rd February 2023

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Glassey

All in favour

123 Financial Matters**123.1 Financial Statement for February 2023**

The Clerk presented the February statement and reported that there were no significant adverse issues or trends to report to date, but reiterated his view that the Council should be cautious in committing significant future expenditure until the full impact of the Heritage & Wellbeing Centre on Council finances was known.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Wells.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

123.2 Short Term Cashflow

The Clerk reported that due to the payment of significant invoices relating to the new building, the Council would have a short term cashflow shortfall until the VAT could be reclaimed. He proposed that the Council take a short term loan of £200,000 from the District Council until the VAT was recovered. The loan would cost £770 in interest.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Gilfillan.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

123.3 Appointment of Internal Auditors

The Clerk proposed the appointment of EMAS Ltd as internal auditors for the for year ending 2022/23

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Glassey.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

123.4 Accounts for Payment March 2023

The Clerk answered several questions about individual payments.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Smith

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

124. Planning

None

125 Heritage and Wellbeing Centre update

Cllr McGregor gave an update on the building and reported that outstanding issues were being resolved and that an official opening in April was likely.

Cllr Turner complimented Cllr McGregor on his commitment and perseverance in ensuring the project was completed and wished to thank him on behalf of everyone for his hard work.

All to Note

126 Correspondence**126.1 "Raise the Roof for Ruth"**

A request has been received asking for the free use of the Markland field on Saturday mornings for personal fitness training sessions as part of the fund raising campaign.

Moved by Cllr Bend, seconded by Cllr McGregor

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

126.2 Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that an increasing number of requests for additional dog bins were being received. He suggested that a report be brought back to a future meeting highlighting existing provision and for the Council to decide whether/where additional bins may be required.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Bend

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

126.3 Royal British Legion

Letter of thanks received for Poppy Appeal contribution of £180

126. Exempt

126.1 Staffing Issues

No issues to report

All to Note

There being no other business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.15 pm

Signed

Date.....