

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 27th April 2023 AT 2:45pm in the Cavendish Room, Events Centre.**

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

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

127. Public Participation

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

MOP asked again about the orientation of the graves that have been dug in the new part of the cemetery. Cllr McGregor reiterated that there are no specific rules regarding this issue.

MOP asked why the Council don't issue an information leaflet outlining where it spends its money. Cllr McGregor stated that the Council has never done this in the past would consider next year.

MOP asked several questions about the Heritage & Wellbeing Centre business plan.

The Clerk gave an overview of how the plan was put together and Cllr McGregor emphasised how Covid and the main contractor insolvency had impacted on the project. Cllr McGregor also stated that the building is being run and staff employed by the District Council.

128. Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Clifton, Cllr N Sanders, Cllr Gilfillan

129. Declarations of Interest

None

130. Motions to Vary Order of Business

None

131. Police report

No Police in attendance. Statistics for March were circulated at the meeting. which showed little change over March 2022.

All to Note

132. Events Centre Report

106.1 Managers report

A written report was circulated at the meeting giving an update on recent and future events and progress on ticket sales.

All to note

133. District Council Report

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

All to Note

134. County Council Report

No report

135. To Approve the Minutes of:

122.1 The Parish Council meeting held on 23rd March 2023

Moved by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr McGregor

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

136 Financial Matters

136.1 Financial Statement

The Clerk reported that there was no finance report this month as priority was being given to preparation of the year end accounts.

136.2 The Clerk asked for approval to extend the short term loan with the District as the Council's VAT return was being examined by HMRC and this presented a cash flow difficulty.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Smith

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

136.3 The Clerk requested approval to make payments greater than £5,000 by bank transfer with the approval of the Chairman.

Moved by Cllr Bend, seconded by Cllr Smith

All in favour

136.4 Accounts for Payment April 2023

The Clerk answered several questions about individual payments.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Smith

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

137. Planning

None

138 Heritage and Wellbeing Centre update

Cllr McGregor reported that the building was officially opened on 21st April, the event being very well attended. There are some teething problems which are being addressed. Cllr McGregor stated he was optimistic about gym membership applications, particularly when further housing development takes place.

Cllr McGregor suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to the staff who had assisted in ensuring the building was opened on time.

Moved by Cllr McGregor, seconded by Cllr Bend.

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

Cllr Wells requested that the road signage for the old Leisure Centre be taken down and new signage be erected for the new building.

Moved by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bend

**All in favour
Action Clerk**

139 Correspondence

None

140. Exempt

There being no other business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Signed

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