

BROUGHTON AND BRETTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the
FINANCE AND STAFFING COMMITTEE
held on
15 OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Ros Griffiths (Chair)

Councillors: As per Lighting and Amenities Committee

Officers: Mrs S G Jones, Clerk & Financial Officer
Fran Griffiths, Administrator

188/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence had been received as per Lighting and Amenities Committee.

189/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

190/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th September 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

191/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

192/19 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the updated list of payments for October in the sum of £7,839.46 be approved.

193/19 CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer advised of the following:

- i) the re-charges for the Joint Agreement for Broughton and Bretton for the month of October amounted to £7,107.77;

- ii) the Council's insurance company, Came and Co., had been part of the Stackhouse Poland Group. On 4th November 2019 the business of Stackhouse Poland Limited would be acquired by Arthur J Gallagher group of companies. This was for members' information and there would be no change in the way that the Council's business would be conducted or insurance claims dealt with; and
- iii) She had received a letter from the NatWest bank regarding the Council's investment account. Apart from a small amount of interest acquired over the previous three years, the account had lain dormant receiving less than a tenth of a percentage interest rate. She requested Members to approve that the balance of this account in the sum of circa £41,000 be transferred to the Council's investment account with Lloyds Bank.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the updates and transfer the money from NatWest into the Council's Lloyds Bank Investment account.

194/19 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT:

The Clerk and Financial Officer had circulated a report to show the Council's half yearly income and expenditure position and explain any variances.

Of the Council's 14 elected Members, 13 had chosen not to receive their mandatory allowance but to transfer it, via a Council resolution, to other schemes that would benefit the community including the newly established Community Volunteer Scheme and additional Christmas Lighting.

IT WAS RESOLVED: to note the council's current financial position and approve the virement of the balance of the mandatory member allowances of £1,950 to alternate schemes that could benefit the community.

195/19 BANK RECONCILIATION:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the bank reconciliation for the period ending 4th October 2019, as emailed to Members earlier in the day, be received and approved.

196/19 MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Sue Stevens said that the Community Centre had agreed to host a hot Christmas dinner on 11th December 2019 for local pensioners and asked Members to share this within their wards. She also welcomed volunteers on the day to assist with the preparations.