



Kingswear Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held in the Village Hall (Lower Room) on Wednesday 11th December at 6 pm.

Present: Councillors Dawes (Chair), Maurer, Hawkins, Webber, O'Rourke

In Attendance: Sharon Whelon – Deputy Clerk to the Council.

F/08 - The Chairman of the Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two members of the public present. Questions were raised from one member of the public: staff costs, maintenance, lengthsman, playground repairs, legionnaires. The Chairman indicated that he would answer these informally following the meeting.

F/09 - To receive any apologies for absence from the Meeting. Rhonwen Reed.

F/10 - To receive any Declaration of Interest. [Councillors are also reminded that they must register any new interest or change in any interest already registered within 28 days of that new interest or change]. None.

The Council Meeting will now be suspended to receive questions or hear representations from members of the public. The Council allows a period of 20 minutes for this to take place and members of the public should speak for no longer than 3 minutes each.

The Council will reconvene to discuss the following items:

F/11 To review forecast of year end position compared with 2024/25 budget.

F/12 To consider the 2025/26 draft budget figures and make any other amendments considered necessary:

- i. IT support – to be confirmed
- ii. Second homes effect on precept- presently unknown -figure expected late December.
- iii. Cemetery Lodge rental review - approved
Items following A&R meeting 3/12/24:
- iv. £500 worth of gravel/pebbles for pathways in the cemetery. Labour to be undertaken by councillors working party. Added in cemetery maintenance.
- v. £1500 for an annual Kingswear Festival. Events budget amended to £2000.
- vi. £2000 for 2025 Christmas to include erection of lights, trees and event – Christmas lights amended to £900
- vii. £2000 - additional amount towards the grounds maintenance contract to include £1000 as buffer for additional which occur during the year and in response to public requests and £1000 to cover the contractors tidying and removal of clippings and cuttings when they have completed works. Currently grass clippings and shrubbery cuttings are left when work has been undertaken. Lengthsman budget raised £2000

F/13 To agree items requiring further investigation, in preparation for approval of the 2025/26 Budget and Precept at the January Full Council meeting. IT support as above.

Recommendation to increase precept **to £81,533.45** following these amendments

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7pm.

Minutes Approved:.....

Councillor L Maurer – Chairman