



LONG ASHTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
meeting held at the Jubilee Pavilion, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton
on Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Andrews, Bolton, Fagg, Hardingham (Chair), Harris, Ives, Jackson, James and Tarsey

In Attendance: H Harwood (Clerk & RFO) and two members of the public.

- F23.001 Election of Vice-Chair**
Noted - A Vice-Chair was not elected due to a lack of volunteers.
- F23.002 Apologies for Absence**
Resolved – That the reason given for absence from Councillor Mcallister Kemp was accepted.
- F23.003 Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations**
Resolved – That the following declarations of interest and dispensations granted:
Councillor Jackson
- Items 9 and 11 as a Youth Club Trustee – Dispensation granted to discuss and vote.
 - Item 7 Pecuniary interest as a Trustee LA Community Network – Dispensation granted to discuss but not vote.
- Councillor Tarsey
- Items 9 and 11 as a Youth Club Trustee – Dispensation granted to discuss and vote.
- Councillor Andrews
- Items 9 and 11 as a LACA Trustee – Dispensation granted to discuss and vote.
- Councillor Bolton
- Items 9 and 11 as a LACA Trustee – Dispensation granted to discuss and vote.
- F23.004 Minutes of Previous Meetings**
Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2022 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.
- F23.005 Finances – Months 9 & 10 (December and January)**
Resolved – That the finance reports including payments and receipts for month 9 and month 10 were approved.
- F23.006 Internal Auditor Report**

Noted - The interim Internal Audit report was noted and the recommendations that fall under the remit of the Finance and General Purposes committee were considered.

F23.007 Grants for 2023/2024

The committee considered the now combined Small and Youth grants for 2023/2034. Although there was a significant demand on the budgeted allocation of £7,500 this year, the Council were able to contribute to each application.

Resolved – The following grants were awarded for 2023-24:

Applicant Name	Award	Description
Allsaints Church for Keedwell	£ 225.00	To provide a round picnic table with bench seats outside Keedwell church. This can be used by the whole community add is in a lovely setting by the blossom trees.
Long Ashton Bereavement Group	£ 195.00	Long Ashton Bereavement that meets up every fortnight and is open to anyone. To provide help with room hire costs which currently are being self-funded.
Wellspring Counselling Ltd	£ 600.00	Low-cost counselling provision to residents of Long Ashton and surrounding areas.
Digilocal	£ 400.00	The proposal is to set up a Weekly code club for local children and young adults aged 8 to 16 at the Community centre at no cost to families. The aim is to boost engagement from the local area of young people in coding skills with a focus on less advantaged groups.
Long Ashton Football Club	£ 300.00	To employ a contractor to excavate existing hidden goal post sockets and replace them with concrete.
Great Western Air Ambulance Charity	£ 1,000.00	GWAAC provides emergency air ambulance care to 2.1 million people across North Somerset, B&NES, Bristol, Gloucestershire, and parts of Wiltshire. They had 10 callouts to LA and LW in 2022, each mission costs £2000.
Long Ashton Scout Group	£ 500.00	Towards the cost of fencing the site for the new purpose-built Headquarters off Wild Country Lane in Long Ashton.
Long Ashton Growers Community Coop	£ 300.00	To fund a net and pegs to protect brassica crops in the communal plots, this crop is very vulnerable to attack from birds and pests which causes the loss of significant quantities of produce.
Nailsea and District Community Transport	£ 1,500.00	Provision of Community Transport to the elderly and disabled in the northern half of North Somerset. We operate 8 minibuses to provide a door to door service to enable members to go shopping or travel to the hospital, doctors and dentists so that people are they are able to live longer in their homes, be near to their friends and are not isolated. We also provide more than 100 day trips a year so people can get out and form friendships with like-minded individuals and improve their wellbeing. Currently supporting 14 LA members and assisting the Community Network.
Long Ashton Community Network	£ 600.00	The Network plans to provide events for those who are socially isolated in the village on a regular basis. This will consist of six Tea Events and a Christmas dinner over the next year. The Tea Events will provide a space for those over 50s to meet and social with food and entertainment. A Christmas dinner event is planned to provide Christmas dinner with the trimmings.

Long Ashton Royal British Legion - Plus Football Club, LA Manshed, LACA, LA Together, and others	£ 1,000.00	The project will be to Celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd, on the evening of Saturday 6th May, 2023, and will be held in Peel Park, L.A. In a similar way that the Platinum Jubilee was celebrated.
Total	£ 6,620.00	
Youth Grants		
Applicant Name	Award	Purpose
Long Ashton District Girl Guides	£ 200.00	Towards replacement front doors at the Guide Headquarters as the wood is rotten.
Long Ashton (All Saints) Scout Group	£ 200.00	This money will be used to buy an additional tent & equipment for the Ten Tors walking challenge
Total	£400	

F23.008 Youth Grants for 2022/2023

Noted - The youth grants awarded for 2022/23 are £200 for the Scouts (creation of a Social Media platform – better communication) and £200 for the Girlguides (towards replacement front doors).

F23.009 Large Grant Policy 2023/24

Resolved – That the Large Grant Policy for 2023/24 be recommended to Full Council for approval. This policy will cover large grants that are typically paid to Long Ashton Community Association and the Youth Club.

F23.010 Insurance

Resolved – A review of the information required for the Parish Council insurance renewal took place and the following items were agreed in order for the Clerk to confirm the annual renewal of insurance:

1. Asset Register
2. Health and Safety and Risk assessment
3. Fidelity Insurance Cover
4. General Insurance Cover
5. Playground Insurance – Clerk to investigate pricing for full playground cover and request approval from Full Council before renewal in April.

F23.011 Earmarked Reserves 2023/2024

Resolved – A detailed discussion took place regarding the proposed reserves for 2023/2024. The committee will recommend the following is approved at the Full Council meeting in March:

1. The proposed changes to the levels of EMR for 2023-24. Including the following specific changes to the Footpaths EMR.
 - a) Unspent money from revenue budget be moved into the EMR at year end.
 - b) Keep the EMR balance at £8643 and not remove £4000 as previously requested.
2. Restricted reserves: CIL requests.
 - a) Skatepark – The Parish Council is very supportive of the project and will consider any specific requests when submitted. No specific allocation at this time.
3. Reserve expenditure delegation to committees for 2023-24.

4. Amendments to the background information/agreed use of select EMR.

Noted - 21.15 – Cllr Harris left the meeting.
21:34 – D Andrews left the meeting.

F23.012 Annual Parish meeting

Resolved – The details of the Annual Parish meeting (for residents) to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd April 2023 were agreed.

F23.013 Year End Close Down

Resolved – It was approved that the year-end close down of the accounts at a cost of £755 with Rialtas should take place.

F23.014 Taylor Wimpey Areas

Noted – An update was received in relation to the transfer of the Taylor Wimpey areas and lease: no progress.

F23.015 Skatepark Working Group report

Noted – An update was received from the Skatepark working group.

F23.016 Date of the Next Meeting

Noted - The date of the next Finance and General Purposes meeting is to be held on Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 21:40

Chairman.....

Date.....