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**Minutes of the FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting held on
Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 10.00am
at the Pavilion Clubroom, Lapstone Playing Fields**

P – present, Pt – part of the meeting, Ab – absent, Ap – apologies.

P	Cllr Barrett	Ab	Cllr McGuinness
Ap	Cllr Higby (Vice Chairman)	Ap	Cllr Forfar
Ap	Cllr Couldrey	Ab	Cllr Tennent
P	Cllr Marsh	P	Des Scott (non-member Cllr)
P	Cllr Douglas (Chairman)		

Officers in attendance:

Joanna Cahill, Responsible Finance Officer, and Melanie Stephens, Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Douglas – item 9.

8 MINUTES OF MEETINGS (PAPER A)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 be noted

9 COMMUNITY GRANTS (REPORT B)

Cllr Douglas declared a non-pecuniary interest in being the wife of the treasurer of the Squash Club. She concluded that there were no issues under common law that prevented her from remaining in the meeting to speak and vote.

The Committee considered the grant applications received for 2022/23.

RESOLVED:

That the community grant applications were granted as set out below:

Applicant	Amount Requested	Total Project Cost	% Of Total Project Costs	Amount Approved
Allotment Association	1000	1095	91	1000



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Cricket Club	100	800	13	100
Victim Support	750	1000	75	750
Village Hall	1000	750	75	750
LATE APPLICATIONS				
Community Library	1000	8000	13	1000
Squash Club	600	1000	60	600
Total				£4 200

10 BUDGET TASK & FINISH GROUP (REPORT C)

Members discussed budget requests as recommended by the Budget Task & Finish Group in Report C. Members were happy to support all the requests in principle, with the addition of an amendment submitted by the Clerk to the cost of the Parish Lease Line, due to the failure of the original supplier Giganet to make good on their quotation. The Clerk revised the budget request to match the quote received from BT at £ 4,734.

This increased the annual budget to £605,130 from £600,396 and the precept to £ 95,030 from £ 490 265.

As a percentage, this increases the precept from the agreed 2.56% to 3.5% & in real terms for a Band D property the charge would increase by £3.79 per year from the current £106.58 to £110.37. (7p week)

RESOLVED:

That the Budget and Precept be approved as recommended subject to the inclusion of the increased cost of the Lease Line installation at the Parish Offices.

11 WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT D)

RESOLVED:

That the work programme is noted.

12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

“That, under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies

Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public and the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information which would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature (staffing matters)”

13 STAFFING SALARIES

Members considered the proposed staff salary increases for 2023/2024.



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RESOLVED:

That the staff salaries be increased by 5% across the board.

Signed..... Chairman

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