

EMPLOYMENT, FINANCE & STRATEGY GROUP MEETING

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

1:30pm at Parish Council Offices

Minutes

1. **Present:** Cllr Riordan, Martin, Sharp, Hotson and Clerk

2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Arger and Cllr Perry

3. **Dispensations – Cllr Sharp item 7**

4. **Minutes of previous meeting – 21st June 2024**

Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Sharp seconded to approve minutes of the 21st June 2024 agreed unanimously

5. **Groundsman contract – discuss AS / RG – example attached**

The Group discussed the replacement for the current Groundsman.

Agreed that follow up initial contact but also advertise on Indeed.

The Group asked the Clerk to write to the current Groundsman and thank him for his time.

6. **Cover for caretaker when on holidays – RG**

The Clerk explained that the caretaker has been away and Clerk arranged to pay for temporary cover.

Group agreed to pay – in future pay for cover if over two weeks.

Cllr Riordan Proposed and Cllr Martin seconded – agreed unanimously

7. **Co-option – discuss report attached – Cllr Sharp left the meeting**

The groups debated the co-option criteria and concluded that candidates must;

(a) I am registered as a local government elector for the area of the parish named above

(b) I have, during the whole of the preceding 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the parish named above

(c) my principal or only place of work during the preceding 12 months has been in the parish named above

(d) I have during the whole of the preceding 12 months resided in the parish named above or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

The Clerks current advice is that one applicant does not meet the LGA 1972 Act criteria.

Cllr Riordan proposed and Cllr Martin seconded that one candidate does not meet the criteria agreed majority For 2, against 0 abstain 1

(NOTE: This view was supported in a discussion with MBC Democratic and Electoral Services Manager)

At start of Parish Council meeting. Each candidate can speak for up to 3 minutes, Cllrs can ask questions

Cllr Sharp rejoined the meeting.

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8. JFMC - The group discussed issues linked to the now defunct JFMC

9. Next Meeting 18th July 2024 – 1:30pm