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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on WEDNESDAY 12 July 2023 at 7.00pm in The Otho Peter Suites, Launceston Town Hall

- PRESENT** Cllrs Bailey (Town Mayor), Bullen, Conway, Heaton, Hogan, O'Brien, Soanes and Young
In attendance: Cllr Harris
Helen Gribble – RFO
- 2307/01 Election of Chairman**
Cllr Bullen was elected as Chair. Proposed by Cllr Hogan, seconded by Cllr Young
- 2307/02 Election of Vice Chairman**
Cllr O'Brien was elected as Vice Chair. Proposed by Cllr Hogan, seconded by Cllr Conway
- 2307/03 Apologies for absence**
No apologies of absence were received
- 2307/04 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- 2307/05 Public Representation Session**
There were no members of the public present
- 2307/06 Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2023 were signed as a correct record.
- 2307/07 Finance**
a) It was resolved to approve the payment listings for May and June 2023.
b) It was resolved to approve the balance sheet for May 2023
**** Cllr Bailey left the meeting during the decision of the above and took no part in the vote ****
c) It was resolved to approve the income and expenditure account for May 23
d) Councillor Conway will carry out the payment checks for the period July and August
- 2307/08 Financial Reserves**
It was **resolved** that the Council aspires to hold general reserves of at least six months expenditure and from the 2024/2025 budget onwards will include a maximum of £5,000 per annum in order to increase the levels of General Reserve over a period of time.
**** Cllr Bailey rejoined the meeting during the decision of the above ****
- 2307/09 Election Costs**
It was noted that other Towns in Cornwall have seen an increase in the costs associated with elections.
- 2307/10 Defibrillator**
It was **resolved** to purchase a replacement defibrillator for the Town Hall site
- 2307/11 Exceptional Grants**

**** Helen Gribble (RFO) left the room and took no part in the meeting ****

To was **resolved** to award an exceptional grant of £250 to both Sterts Theatre and Launceston District Guides.

**** Helen Gribble (RFO) returned to the meeting following the discussion and vote ****

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Urgent Items

Cllr O'Brien raised that Mr David Morris MP raised the question of capping Town and Parish Councils precept raises at Prime Ministers question time and that the Council should bear this in mind while producing it's next budget.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed Date