

**Finance Committee**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019      **Venue:** Moulton Community Centre

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**63/19 Conduct a Public Session (Duration and content at Chairman’s discretion)**

**64/19 Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence**

**Councillors (Parish):**      Cllr Fehnert (SF), Cllr Aarons (DA), Cllr Paul (GP),  
   Cllr Curran in attendance

**Public:**                      One resident, Steve Barber, Northamptonshire Highways Road Safety  
   Team

**Apologies:**                      Cllr C Fountain (CF), Cllr Bennett (NB)

**65/19 Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda**

*Councillors are reminded that if they have either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or other interest in any of the agenda items then they should declare the interest and withdraw from the debate or meeting as appropriate.*

None

**66/19 Accept Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**67/19 Review August Exception Payments to Date**

One exception payment – Fire Risk Assessment @ £450.00. FRA required biennially and will be included in the budget from next year.

It was **resolved** to approve the exception payment.

**68/19 Review of:**

- a. Detailed income and Expenditure by Account for June
- b. Bank Reconciliation Statement

All councillors had received a copy of the above information. Information reviewed and approved.

**69/19 Discuss Road Safety Signage and Funding**

Steve Barber gave a very thorough presentation of the variety of speed signage available to parishes and an offer to support MPC throughout the whole process of determining placement and which type to install.

With the full agreement of the committee, Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public (Speedwatch Co-ordinator) to speak. Steve Barber explained that a Village Walk would be the next stage to agree placement of the signs and a maximum of 2 should be considered. Approx cost for supply, installation and required licences would be approx. £4,500 and financial assistance was currently available from the PFCC.

Standing Orders resumed.

It was **resolved** to recommend that a workgroup of councillors be formed, together with Speedwatch Co-ordinator to investigate the options for signage and progress grant funding process.

#### **70/19 Report back on Upgraded Email System**

Cllr Paul reported that the council email system had been upgraded. There is a one off cost of £200 to migrate the current emails into the new system and slight monthly increase going forward. All previous platforms i.e. gmail/thunderbird and outlook were now all combined into Office 365 which is fully GDPR compliant.

#### **71/19 Discuss Response to LGSS Pooling Consultation**

It was **resolved** to submit the following response:

- i. MPC believe it would be more helpful to continue the Pool in its current form.
- ii. MPC are not considering moving away from the 'status quo'.
- iii. If the Pool was to be disbanded, MPC would have a preference for option (b).

#### **72/19 Review Quotes Received for Audio/Visual Equipment Community Centre**

It was **resolved** to accept the quote from Octagon for £9691 and use the remaining monies to purchase a new sound/microphone system.

#### **73/19 Review Quote Received for Reviewing Legal Documentation**

It was **resolved** to accept the quote to review the documentation.

#### **74/19 Review Quotes Received for Additional Window in Community Centre**

It was **resolved** to request further information from one of the companies and add item to the full council agenda.

#### **75/19 Review Quotes Received for Treeworks**

It was **resolved** to accept the quote of £900 for the treeworks as specified.

#### **76/19 Report back on Play Equipment Installation**

Cllr Paul reported that satisfactory references had been obtained for Fenland, agreement has been gained from David Wilson to install the equipment, Planning Officer at DDC approves of the scheme. A letter to all residents on the DW2 has been distributed explaining the scheme and confirming installation date as Sept/Oct.

#### **77/19 Feedback from meeting with leader of DDC**

Cllr Aarons reported that a meeting had taken place between Cllr Aarons, Cllr Fehnert, Exec Officer, Cllr Chris Millar and Cllr Mike Warren to discuss the disparity of views between MPC and OPC and a potential meeting with the three parties. CM offered his assistance to bring about a meeting between the two parishes. The EO reported that a further meeting had taken place between CM, MW and members of OPC. OPC are agreeable to meeting with MPC informally in the future.

#### **78/19 Feedback from Gig in the Gardens/2020 Events**

It was agreed that Gig in the Gardens had been a huge success and should be continued for 2020. Provisional date of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020 set. VE Day was also discussed as budget will be required for this event also. EO to investigate ways of mitigating costs of events.

#### **79/19 Date of Next Meeting**

Next Finance Committee Meeting Date: **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm

**Chairman's Acceptance Signature.....Date.....**