

CRONTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Policy Committee** held remotely on **12 APRIL 2021** at 8.41 pm.

Present: Councillors S Cooper (Chairman), D Bray, W Cook, J Foran, R Hayes, G McGann, D Rostance and D Thomas

In attendance: Ward Councillor R Gaffney (Cronton & Whiston)
Vitti Osborne (The Clerk)
Vincent Dooley (Chairman, Cronton Gala Committee)

41. **APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

42. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declaration of interest had been received:

Councillor R Hayes – Agenda 6 – Grants 2021/22 – She is the Treasurer of the Gala Committee.

43. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee remote meeting held on **1 March 2021** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no matters raised by the member of the public.

45. **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- (a) **Consultation on Local Authority Remote Meetings** (This call for evidence seeks views on the use of the current arrangements which have provided express provision for local authorities to hold meetings remotely or in a hybrid format during the coronavirus pandemic) – Council meetings were held remotely during the pandemic that would otherwise be impossible. The Council supported remote meetings and the Chairman undertook to respond to the on-line consultation on behalf of the Council.
- (b) **Alternative meeting venues for council meetings after 7 May 2021** – It was impossible to keep social distancing in the small Council Office. A discussion took place on alternative venues for face-to-face meetings after the 7 May 2021. The Community Centre was considered the most suitable place for holding Council meetings, where members of the public could attend.

The Government also advised (letter dated 25/3/21) that councils could consider conducting remote annual meetings before the 7 May 2021

After discussion, **it was resolved** that:

- **The remote Parish Meeting** be held on **Tuesday 4 May 2021** at 7.00 pm
- **The remote Council Annual Meeting** be held on **Tuesday 4 May 2021** at the rising of the Parish Meeting.

- All Council meetings are to be held at the Cronton Community Centre from 7 May 2021 until further notice. The Chairman undertook to contact the Cronton Community Association regarding the bookings.
- **The scheduled meeting for the 24 May 2021 would be held at the Community Centre.** Details would be announced.

46. **GRANTS 2021/22**

3 grants applications had been received.

(a) **Acorn Farm (a charity organisation)**

Purpose - To offset a variety of expenditure which has been greatly affected by the interruption of business caused by the Covid-19 pandemic

(b) **Cronton Community Centre**

Purpose – To repair and pave the area to the rear of the Centre from backdoor to bowling green (amount requested - £300)

(c) **Cronton Gala Committee**

Purpose – To purchase a gazebo and a first aid kit to be used at the Gala (amount requested - £264.51)

After discussion, **it was resolved** that the following grants be approved:

- Cronton Community Centre - £300
- Cronton Gala Committee - £264.51

As a grant was for a specific project, the Chairman would speak to **Acorn Farm** for more information regarding the application.

The meeting closed at 8.59 pm.

Signed _____ Date 24 May 2021