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**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE GROSMONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD BY  
ZOOM AT 7:30 PM ON THE 29TH JANUARY 2024**

Those attending the meeting: Councillors Lowri Wynn Morgan (Chair), Jude Rogers (Vice-Chair), Witek Mintowt-Czyz and Jan Williams, and the Clerk, Mr Robert Wade. Also present was Peter Clarke.

**1. To accept apologies for absence**

Councillors Margie Barker and Nicholas Jones sent their apologies.

**2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below**

It was agreed that these would be rendered as and when the issue required it.

**3. Consideration of the Budget and Fixing the Precept Request Figure**

(a) The Clerk presented budget figures to the Council. The historical figures were accepted. It was accepted that there had to be an element of guesswork in the figures for 2024/5. However the projected budget was inaccurate and subjected to criticism. The Clerk apologised to the Council for the deficiencies in the proposed budget. He added that there would clearly be items in the period ending 31.3.25 which would be covered by the budget for the restoration/renovation work for the Town Hall. One example was that of electricity charges, which Peter Clarke said would definitely be covered by the Project Budget. The figure for the cleaner would also need to be reduced.

(b) The Council, having discussed the figures, concluded that there was no requirement for any

increase in the Precept for the year 2024/5. This was proposed by Councillor Mintowt-Czyz and seconded by the Chair and agreed.

(c) The absence of audited accounts for the years 2021/22 and 2022/23 was noted critically. The Clerk apologised for the fact that he had not taken the papers necessary for the audit to the internal auditor in time for those audits to be concluded, and undertook to improve his performance.

(d) It was proposed by Councillor Mintowt-Czyz and seconded by the Chair that £30,000 of the Council's reserves should be allocated to the Community Hub project, and this proposal was agreed.

#### **4. Financial Issues and Payments**

The following payments were approved:

The Clerk's salary £1,354.17

HMRC £270.83

Payment to Alex Minford to refund him for paying for the Domain for Grosmont £128.16

NFU additional premium to bring Public Liability up to £10 million

Tracie £317.81

#### **5. To receive and consider any other business**

(a) The Clerk was requested to ensure that the form accepting the National Lottery Fund offer was returned by the 1<sup>st</sup> February. There would be a meeting of GF that evening, and it was considered that they would appreciate firm news by then.

(b) The Clerk said that he had e-mailed Steve Baldwin, and would press him for a response

(c) There was some discussion regarding the appointment of a solicitor to deal with the NLF paperwork. The Clerk and the Chair both said they had someone in mind. It was thought that the NLF would be prepared to pay £2,000 towards the costs of the solicitor, but the Clerk was requested to ascertain whether this was correct.

#### **6. To decide the date of the next meeting**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7:30 p.m. was confirmed as the date of the February General Meeting.