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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.00AM ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE ELMS

In attendance: Cllrs Peter Noel (Chair), Paul Oatway, Martin Sayers, Judith Sheppard, Kay Solomon and the Clerk, Lisa Tuck.

FG23.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

FG24.20 DISPENSATIONS

No dispensations were received.

FG25.20 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosures of interest were received.

FG26.20 SUPPLIER PAYMENTS (FEBRUARY)

RESOLVED to pay the Supplier Payments for February (attached A).

FG27.20 ELMS GAS CONTRACT

Further to circulation of the comparison (attached B), there was a discussion about whether to opt for the 12 month contract from Octopus Energy using 100% renewable energy or to renew with EDF for three years using 8.80% renewable energy. Based on a fiscal model, the cost difference is estimated at £151 in favour of EDF. Martin Sayers, Judith Sheppard and Kay Solomon all felt it was important to be setting an example with regard to trying to lower the carbon footprint and this is one chance for the Council to do something. Paul Oatway felt that the difference in cost is considerable and would only support the idea if it is based on the fact that taking out a one year contract would bring all the energy contracts in line for renewal meaning a better deal could be achieved next year. It was therefore proposed by Paul Oatway, seconded by Martin Sayers and

RESOLVED that a one year gas contract be taken out with Octopus Energy.

FG28.20 URGENT REPAIRS TO BEACH CAFÉ SOUTHERN WALL/SHUTTERS

During Storm Ciara on the 8/9 February, the shutters to the Beach Café windows on the southern side of the building were ripped out of the wall. The insurance company had been contacted and the claim opened with an excess of £250 incurred for storm damage. A quote had been received to undertake the repairs and incorporate the changes necessary to accommodate the proposed cladding to the southern elevation. Another quote is awaited to purely undertake the repairs for insurance purposes. A second set of quotes is also being sought. It was

RESOLVED, based on the amount of the first quote, to undertake the upgraded works to accommodate the future cladding with the Council paying the difference between the basic repairs to be

met by the insurance company and the upgraded works. The funds would be taken from General Reserve FSH1.

The Clerk reported that in addition, lead had been taken from the side of one of the dormer windows on the back of the Factory Building overnight on 12/13 February and quotes were also awaited for this replacement. In the meantime, MAC Building had undertaken an emergency repair. The Police had been informed and a crime number issued as well as the insurance company informed and a claim opened with an excess of £100 to be incurred for theft.

FG29.20 ELMS FLAT WATER LEAK

It was reported that water had come through the ceiling in the Elms Flat earlier this month and the tenant had left a message on the Council answer phone over the weekend which wasn't picked up until Monday morning. It was soon established that this was a result of the scaffolding impeding the gutter after extremely heavy rain and was quickly rectified. The letting agent had been contacted as to why the tenant could not contact their emergency number and they had confirmed that they would make sure the tenant was aware of the process in future. They expect that a claim will be submitted by the tenant for a water damaged chair and in the meantime the Council should arrange for the water marked ceiling to be redecorated.

The meeting closed at 10.30am