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WELSH CHURCH ACT ESTATE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote meeting held on 19th June 2023.

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Present: Councillor M.R. Wilson (Chair); Councillor P. Drake (Vice-Chair);
Councillors C.E.A. Champion, J.E. Charles, H.C. Hamilton, and M.J. Hooper.

129 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

130 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from Councillor M.J.G. Morgan.

131 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

132 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Councillor P. Drake declared an interest in Agenda Items 5 and 7 – Cadoxton Community Orchard Proposal. This was a prejudicial Interest as Councillor Drake was a Member of Barry Town Council and they vacated the meeting prior to the items being considered.

Councillor J.E. Charles declared an interest in Agenda Items 5 and 7 – Cadoxton Community Orchard Proposal. This was Prejudicial Interest as Councillor Charles was a Member of Barry Town Council and they vacated the meeting prior to the items being considered.

133 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2023/24 (DCR) –

The Operational Manager for Accountancy presented the report which confirmed that a budget of £55,700 had been set for issuing grants during 2023/24. An unallocated budget amount of £12,120 carried over from 2022/23 was also available for

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allocation during 2023/24 meaning that the total grants budget for 2023/24 was £67,820.

The Officer advised that, following a recent lull in application activity, a number of applications were expected for the Trust's consideration in the second tranche of the year however, three grant applications for tranche 1 were set out in Appendix A to the report to the total of £10,000.

The Officer also apologised for the delay in providing the Trust with an update in relation to its investment position, but progress was being made in relation to obtaining a letter of authority and therefore a full accounts report would be provided to the Trust at its next meeting.

Following the Officer's presentation, Councillor Hooper drew the Trust's attention to the second grant application set out in Appendix A from the Forget-Me-Not-Chorus (FMNC) Charity and queried why the amount awarded was less than that applied for and also if the applicants had been provided with sufficient support from the Council to achieve success with its multiple grant applications. In response, the Operational Manager for Accountancy advised that it was within the Trust's gift to round up the amount awarded if agreeable and that, approving the grant as applied for in principle, would support the charity's efforts in applying for the 25% match funding (£350) through "The Big Give Christmas Challenge" which was currently in progress and pending evidence being provided to the Trust.

Having considered the report, and with no further comments or questions raised, the Trust subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the applications for grant assistance, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be approved subject to the amount of £1,150.00 being granted to the Forget Me Not Chorus Application.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the content of the report and subsequent discussion at the meeting.

134 CADOXTON COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL (DCR) –

Councillors Drake and Charles vacated the meeting prior to the commencement of this item and all other subsequent items on the agenda.

The report updated the Trust following receipt of the Qualified Surveyors report which had been requested by the Trust at its meeting on 10th October 2022 following consideration of the proposal received from Barry Town Council in respect of the Trust's land adjacent to St. Oswalds Road, Cadoxton. The applicants sought consent from the Trust to develop a Community Orchard and meadow on land owned by the Trust.

More in depth detail on the matter was provided within the Part II report later on the agenda.

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As a result, with no comments or questions from the Trust at this stage of the agenda, the Trust subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T both the receipt of the Qualified Surveyors report and the summary of recommendations set out in the Part II report later on the agenda for consideration be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the content of the report to enable consideration of the matter and a decision to be made under Part II of the agenda.

135 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

136 CADOXTON COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROPOSAL (DCR) (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12 AND 14) –

The Operational Manager for Property presented the report, the purpose of which was to update the Trust further on its resolution of 10th October 2022 to seek a Qualified Surveyors report for the land at St. Oswalds Road, following receipt of the proposal from Barry Town Council to develop a Community Orchard / Meadow.

The report provided a summary of the Qualified Surveyors report and sought instructions from the Trust in relation to the Orchard proposals, having had regard to the Qualified Surveyors recommendations.

Following the Officer's presentation of the report and having considered its contents, the Trust

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the summary of the Qualified Surveyors report and the legal and planning considerations previously reported be noted.

(2) T H A T the Operational Manager for Property and Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services / Operational Manager for Legal Services be instructed to proceed with a long Lease (999 year) disposal of the parcel of land located near St. Oswalds Road, Cadoxton, Barry to Barry Town Council at Market Value.

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Reasons for decisions

- (1) Having regard to the content of the report to give due consideration to the proposal from Barry Town Council in the context of the Qualified Surveyors recommendations and legal and planning considerations.
- (2) The Trust responds to the application in line with the recommended method of disposal by the Qualified Surveyor as per paragraphs 2.9 to 2.12 of the Part II report.