



MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL
held at Feering Community Centre on Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr P Carlaw Cllr S Taylor
Cllr B McCartney Cllr K Evans Cllr E Mitchell
Cllr N Warwick (arrived
19.32)

Also Present: Lisa Collins – Clerk
Members of the Public: 0

026/2024 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting wished Cllr Warwick a happy birthday!

027/2024 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

028/2024 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr McCartney declared that he was a Trustee of Feering Community Centre CIO.

029/2024 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.

No members of the public were present.

030/2024 Feering Community Centre CIO

- i After discussion it was resolved to **agree** the Feering Community Centre CIO Trustee's request that Feering Parish Council become the sole trustee of the CIO and the previous decision in principle be formally **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Lees , seconded by Cllr Evans. Unanimously agreed.
- ii After discussion it was proposed and **agreed** that the motion for a management committee be removed. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor. It was then **agreed** that Feering Parish Council appoint Danielle Frost / Rural Community Council of Essex ("RCCE") to help both the Parish Council and the CIO accomplish the creation of the Sole Trustee. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Carlaw.

031/2024 Finance

- i *Following the decision by the Parish Council whether to become Sole Trustee of the Community Centre CIO, revisit and agree the budget and precept request for 2024-2025 to take into account the additional expenditure in the upkeep of the Community Centre.*

After detailed discussion it was **agreed** that the budget and precept request be accepted. It was noted that all councillors had concerns over the increase in the precept for the running of the Community Centre but felt that it was necessary to safeguard the asset for the community. The budget must be revisited during the course of the financial year so

that a definitive FCC budget can be agreed in light of negotiations with FCC CIO. The precept figure request is £118,271, which equates to a raise of 77 pence per week on a band D property for the year. Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Taylor.

- ii *Subject to agreement of the budget in item (i) above to agree the Clerk and Chairman sign the precept request to be returned to Braintree District Council*

After discussion it was **agreed** that the Chairman and Clerk should sign the precept request and return to Braintree District Council. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Carlaw.

032/2024 Items for Next Agenda

- i Annual Assembly
- ii Minerals Plan
- iii Think!

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.54 and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed

Paul Lees

27 February 2024