

# **Aylesford Parish Council**

## **Finance Advisory Sub Committee**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held in the Aylesford Parish Council Office, Aylesford on Tuesday 8 October 2024**

**Present:** Councillor Balcombe (Chairman) and Councillors, Mrs Birkbeck, Craig, Ms Dorrington, Mrs Eves, Fuller, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Ludlow, Mrs Ogun, Rillie, Shelley, Smith, Sullivan and Walker.

Melanie Randall (Clerk of the Council)

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#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies of Absence from Councillors Chapman, Hammond, Ms Oyewusi, Sharp were received, and the reason for absence agreed.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest additional to those contained in the Register of Members Interests.

#### **3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 September 2024**

It was **Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed.

#### **4. Any Matters Arising from the last Minutes**

There were no Matters Arising.

#### **5. S:137 Donation Requests**

There were no requests.

#### **6. Grant Requests**

Request received from the Aylesford Christmas Market for £500 towards a variety of items to make the event more inclusive for the community. Members stated the Council already pays for overnight K9 Security to ensure the equipment left on site is safe, at a cost of around £500. Staff time is also permitted to help organise and run the event with the Clerk and Supervisor each working long hours

over the course of the three days. After discussion it was **Resolved** to refuse the grant request but to continue with paying for the K9 Security and staff time.

### **7. To Note the Financial Comparison Report**

It was **Resolved** to Note the report.

**Noted**

### **8. External Auditor Report**

The Clerk explained that the External Auditor (Mazars) report has not raised any concerns or other matters, therefore Mazars are satisfied that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices.

**Noted**

### **9. Any Other Correspondence**

There was no Other Correspondence

### **10. Duration of Meeting**

8:09pm to 8:16pm.