**FINANCE, RESOURCES & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2025 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:**

Cllr A Allen Cllr M Evans

Cllr S Brooke Cllr G Kennedy

Cllr C Burton Cllr S Oldrieve

**In attendance:**

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk

The Chairman of Bovey Tracey Swimming Pool Trust

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Kennedy.*

**FR&GP.25/29 Apologies for absence:**

Cllr D Fletcher – Personal commitment.

**FR&GP.25/30 Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**\*\*Public Participation:**

The Chairman of Bovey Tracey Swimming Pool Trust spoke in relation to their application for CiL funding (item FR&GP.25/36), advising that the pool opened in 1968 and is open to locals and visitors alike. The enhancements that are planned were explained in detail, in addition to the repairs required in order to keep the pool functioning. The trust have recently invested £42,000 of their own funds into two new boilers and a heat exchanger as well as two new pool covers. If funding is secured, the work is proposed to commence in September 2025. Members raised questions in relation to additional funding streams and usage/footfall figures. Members thanked the Chairman for providing such a valuable service and such a wonderful facility.

*The Chairman of Bovey Tracey Swimming Pool Trust left the meeting at 7.34pm.*

**FR&GP.25/31 Minutes**:

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

ii) The following updates were provided:

* FR&GP.25/03 Electronic devices are being piloted and then full configuration will start around 23rd April for all those who have requested a device.
* FR&GP.25/22 Cllr Evans advised members that investigations are underway around a replacement Grounds Maintenance Vehicle.
* FR&GP.25/25 The Town Clerk will circulate the updated Capital Programme for testing and will commit time at the next meeting to further discuss in detail.
* FR&GP.25/28 – Outstanding Fingerposts will be installed around 16th April.

**FR&GP.25/32 Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergencies:**

Membersnoted the Council Declaration to embed the climate and ecology emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

Cllr Kennedy advised members that the first meeting to review the Council’s Declaration and decarbonisation plan is scheduled for 2nd May.

The Committee Chair *resolved to change the order of the agenda and bring forward item FR&GP.25/36 for consideration early on the agenda.*

**FR&GP.25/36 CiL Groups Policy – Grant Application:**

Members received and considered approving a grant application on behalf of Bovey Tracey Swimming Pool Trust (*\*copy previously circulated*).

**Resolved:** Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of the application until after the Town Council’s Capital Expenditure Programme has been reviewed in detail at the next meeting.

**FR&GP.25/33 Accounts & Financial Statement**:

i) Members received and approved payment and receipt transactions between

24th February 2025 and 31st March 2025 ([\**copy enclosed*](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2a5mgd6et9msbsfq636qg/14.04.25-Payment-and-Receipt-Transactions-24.02.25-31.03.25.pdf?rlkey=u8zrjaj9b48jeluegbalnt4a4&dl=0)*).*

ii) Members received and approved the bank reconciliation between 24th February 2025 and 31st March 2025 *(\*copy previously circulated).*

iii) Members received and noted the balances and borrowing as below:

General Account: £ 9,418.23 (as at 31.03.25)

Income/Precept A/C: £ 91,206.11 (as at 31.03.25)

Capital A/C: £ 47,804.30 (as at 31.03.25)

CIL A/C: £ 60,730.66 (as at 31.03.25)

National Lottery Grant: £ 36,388.27 (as at 31.03.25)

Redwood Bank (Rev) £ 85,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

Charity Bank Invest (Rev) £ 85,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

Cambridge & Counties (CiL) £ 130,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

Nationwide Build Soc (CiL) £ 130,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

B’hamshire Build Soc (Cap) £ 110,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

Hampshire Trust Bank (CiL) £ 130,000.00 (as at 31.03.25)

Borrowing

Public Sector Works Loan £ - 386,748.04 (as at 31.03.25)

**FR&GP.25/34 Policy Reviews:**

Members reviewed the following policies and considered a recommendation to Full Council to re-adopt:

- Data Protection Policy (*\*copy previously circulated*)

- Data Breach Policy (*\*copy previously circulated*)

- Subject Access Request (*\*copy previously circulated*)

**Resolved:** To recommend that Full Council re-adopt the policies, incorporating the amendments to each document as discussed and resolved.

**FR&GP.25/35 Deferred Item FR&GP.25/21 Grant Request(s):**

Members received and considered a deferred application for grant funding from:

- £1,500 - Moorland Community Care Group (*\*copy previously circulated*)

**Resolved:** To approve issuing the grant of £1,500.

**FR&GP.25/37 Request for Use of Revenue Reserves:**

Members received and considered approving a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, for use of existing revenue reserves.

**Resolved:** To approve the allocation of reserves as verbally recommended at the meeting.

**FR&GP.25/38 Year End Budget Position – 31st March 2025:**

Members received and notedthe budget position as at the end of the financial year for 2024/25 (*\*copy previously circulated*). The Town Clerk provided a verbal summary of the end of year balances for revenue, capital, lottery and CiL funds and responded to questions from members. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk were thanked by members for the effective financial management of Council budgets for 2024/25.

**FR&GP.25/39 Matters brought forward by Councillors:** *(for information only*).

**Cllr Brooke** advised members that consideration of the capital expenditure programme should also include some key projects such as Town Centre CCTV upgrades, purchase of land for cemetery/green burials and land for a pump track.

**The Town Clerk** advised that the end of year internal audit was undertaken on 10th April and the report highlights 3 initial observations for consideration, which will be reported in detail to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.