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MINUTES of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING of DEVIOCK PARISH COUNCIL held at the METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN ROAD, DOWNDERRY at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th NOVEMBER 2021

PRESENT: Parish Cllrs. Mr. M. Gibbons (Chair), Downderry Ward
Mr J. Candy, Seaton Ward
Mrs. A. Robinson, Hessenford Ward
Mr. J. Croft, Seaton Ward
Mr. D. Cormack, Hessenford Ward
Mr. M. Wiseman, Downderry Ward
Karen Pugh (Parish Clerk)

10-MINUTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD, for Public comment on the items below.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

1.1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

None had been received.

1.2. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None had been received.

1.3. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate

None had been requested.

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr A Thorpe (unwell).

Acceptance for apologies for absence was **proposed** by Cllr J Candy, **seconded** by Cllr A Robinson and **agreed unanimously** by the meeting.

Cllr H Brockbank was not present.

3. PAY & CONTRACTS REVIEW

3.1. Parish Clerk

Anticipated costs for employing the Parish Clerk for the period 2022/23 were presented. There had been a public sector pay freeze in 2021/22.

Including employer's NI and pension contributions and mileage expenses, the Clerk submitted an estimated total gross figure of £17,132, which allows for an annual public sector pay rise and an increase in one spinal point as per the Clerk's contract.

The figure of £17,132 was noted for the purposes of budgeting for 2022/23 expenditure.

3.2. Cleaning contract 2022/23 (J Bird, parish contractor), covering public conveniences, Downderry & Seaton Bus Shelters & the Parish Office)

The Clerk advised that Living Wage figures had been released for 2022/23, rising to £9.50 per hour. Therefore, Mr Bird's total contract value would increase from £7,138.80pa in 2021/22 to £7,505pa in 2022/23.

The figure of £7,505 was noted for the purposes of budgeting for 2022/23 expenditure.

