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Minutes of the Project Group Meeting  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Commencing 7pm Village Hall

**055.24/25 (2)**

**Present:** Councillors: E. Jackson (EJ – Chair) J. Roberts (JR); M. Evans (ME); L. Kelly (LK); D. O'Brien (DO); R. Pitson (RP);

## **AGENDA**

**007.24/25 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. L. Kelly arrived at 1901

**008.24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *In accordance with the Councils Code of Conduct members shall withdraw from any discussion or vote which they hold a disclosable pecuniary interest.***

**009.24/25 PUBLIC SPEAKING/QUESTIONS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS - *To allow members of the public the opportunity to speak on an item listed on the agenda for a maximum of 3 minutes.***

Members of the public came to visit the meeting,  
Mr. P. O'Brien, Mrs. K. Bickley and Mr D Green

Mr. O'Brien noted that his employer has a works group which undertake some supportive work within the community, and they may be willing to help in relation to the MUGA.

**010.24/25 TO APPROVE FOR ACCURACY – MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

The Clerk reported that the minutes had been approved in the July meeting.

**011.24/25 EMAIL System**

The Clerk presented the information received from Cuttlefish in relation to the email system, in June 2024 the Clerk had reported contact with Cuttlefish in relation to moving all councillors over to Microsoft as part of their communication and email system.

The cost at that time was £455 plus VAT per year for the current system and moving all councillors over to the new format would cost £2,105.00 plus VAT per year. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Clerk should explore further avenues and provide more information.

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In recent discussions with our current provider moving the Clerk over to Microsoft business and having 12 email addresses via Microsoft exchange at a cost of £935.00 plus VAT per year.

Having considered the options currently and taking into account the difficulties with the current email system.

**Resolved:** Project Group recommend moving to the Clerk having the Business version of Microsoft with 12 exchange emails.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Pitson Second: Cllr D O'Brien All agreed.

To Consider if the next item of business should be open to the public should their presence be prejudicial to the public interest at this stage. In accordance with Model Standing Orders 3 "Meetings Generally" section c.

That the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following items of business only it is likely that, if they were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

Proposed: Cllr. R Pitson Second: Cllr J Roberts 1 Abstention and 5 Agreed

Prior to the Commencement of the discussion the Clerk raised Cllr. D. O'Brien may have an interest in the matter. In line with the Local Government Act 200 Part 3 Interests 10 (1), 11(1), 12(1) and 14. Cllr. O'Brien was advised that she would need to withdraw from the meeting and did so at 19.21.

## **012.24/25 MUGA**

1. To reflect upon previous the history of the MUGA journey to date.
2. To consider the current situation with the MUGA including financial implications
3. To Consider a way forward and reflection of seeking co-option of non-elected members to MUGA working group.

Thos present considered the background provided by the Clerk in the history of the MUGA journey, the Clerk also provided councillors with the information obtained in relation to possible funding streams for the council. A discussion took place in relation to the previous efforts which had been made and the public consultation which had involved local schools and residents in 2022.

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**Resolved:**

1. A public Statement to be made on behalf of the Community Council to be ratified at the meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024
2. That it is acknowledged the Community Council has not intended to remove the MUGA but to replace the current version which is completely unsafe
3. The Project Group recommends that it progresses with applications for funding

**Meeting Closed at 2025**