

Minutes of the Communications Budget Setting Meeting held Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.00pm, The Loft, Dersingham Village Centre.

Present: Cllrs Coral Shepherd (Chairman) Tony Bubb, Mike Shepherd, and Jordan Stokes.

In attendance: Mrs Geraldine Scanlon (Assistant Business Manager (ABM) & Minute taker) and Rob Smyth (Assistant Editor)

1 Apologies for Absence – Jo Halpin Jones

2 Declaration of interest and requests for dispensation in any of the agenda items listed
- None received

3 Open meeting to allow public participation- None Received

4 Budget Setting
Committee discussed each budget code for both the Income and Expenditure.
With the following outcomes:

Income

605	Advertisement Village Voice	To remain at £12,000.00
630	Platinum Jubilee	Budget line to be removed.

Expenditure

6005	Village Voice	Increased to £16,000.00
6015	Postage Village Voice	To remain at £0.00
6020	Village Voice Editor Honorarium	To remain at £1,200.00
6025	Public Noticeboards	Reduce to £400.00
6030	Website	Reduce to £600.00

Cllr Bubb asked if Clanpress intended to increase the printing costs in 2025/2026. Cllr C Shepherd advised they had been contacted and confirmed they will not be increasing their costs. Cllr Bubb asked if they were contacted prior to the recent Government budget changes as this could impact the printing costs. It was agreed that the ABM would contact Clanpress to confirm there is no price increase.

Cllr C Shepherd said she would like to replace the noticeboard located at the Spar shop as opposed to only replacing the cork board inside. Cllr Bubb asked if the noticeboards were a necessity. Cllr C Shepherd said they are needed to display certain Parish Council documents that are legally required to be accessible to parishioners such as AGAR information and Councillor vacancies.

Cllr Bubb said he had met the ABM to measure the library noticeboard. Once an approximate price is known for replacement of the Perspex he would remove the front of the board and get a more precise measurement.

5 Correspondence

None received

6 Date of next meeting

To be agreed

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.53pm