

**MINUTES OF THE AXE BRUE FINANCE AND WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BRADBURY HOUSE ON 30 MARCH 2023**

<b>Attendance:</b>			
<b>Elected Members:</b> Mr J Fear (C) Mr A Gilling Mr R Keen	<b>Appointed Members:</b>	<b>Officers:</b> Mrs M Hammond Mr M Wall Miss N Cornish	<b>Public:</b>
<b>Apologies:</b>			
Mr M Watts Mr D Tratt	Cllr M Murphy Cllr C Riches Cllr L Scott		
<b>Non-Attendance:</b>			

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>Detail:</b>	<b>Action:</b>
1. Attendance and Apologies	1.1. Apologies as per the above Attendance List.	
2. Items Additional to the Agenda	2.1. None	
3. Declarations of Interest	3.1. Jeff Fear said he farmed in the east and west Mark area and Andrew Gilling farms in the East Brent area.	
4. Confidential Paper	4.1. MSW handed out a confidential paper to Members and talked them through it. He said some of the large contractors who had expressed an interest in the work gave feedback saying the lots were too small and they would not be competitive against the current smaller contractors. These larger contractors would be interested if the lots were bigger such as the whole of the Axe area. MSW reminded Members there was some discussion last year about consolidating the 16 lots into 4 or 5 lots to make it more attractive to the larger companies.	

	<p>This did not happen due to MSW's ankle operation and for ease it was decided to keep it the same as previous years.</p> <p>4.2. MSW advised Members that the tenders were opened by Iain and himself in a controlled manner and the information was evaluated. He talked Members through how they worked out the scoring for the contractors saying it was not done on price alone but ranking.</p> <p>4.3. Jeff Fear said it was a mystery on how the ranking was worked out and Maggie Hammond (MH) advised that it was worked out with price being 70%, ability 20% and delivery 10%. MSW said he had no further advice as to which contractor does the work but if a current contractor had close ranking with a new contractor for an area, the fact that the current contractor had knowledge of the area would be beneficial.</p> <p>4.4. Jeff Fear queried whether a contractor who tendered for a lot of areas but was only awarded one would be deterred from tendering in the future. MSW said the two main contractors average price was a lot lower than the contractor in question. MSW said he considered the prices for the majority of the work in the Axe were surprisingly low considering the cost of fuel and MSW was pleased to say that he was about £14k under budget on this contract.</p> <p>4.5. Andrew Gilling asked if there was a contingency for any unforeseen fuel crisis. MSW said they had reverted back to the old inflationary increase which pays the CPI increase in years 2 &amp; 3 of the contract . He added that the prices submitted should have taken into account any inflationary increases in year 1.</p> <p><b>Andrew Gilling proposed and seconded by Roger Keen 'to go with the recommendation to the Full Board' All in favour</b></p> <p>4.6. MSW said that in future it should be considered to make the lots bigger to attract some bigger contractors.</p>	
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5. Any Other Business	5.1 None	
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Annex:

A. Axe Brue F&W Meeting – Table of Outstanding Actions

CHAIRMAN.....DATE .....

**ANNEX A TO  
AXE BRUE F&W COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DATED 30 MARCH 2023**

**AXE BRUE F&W MEETING – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Action Number:	Action:	Actionee: