

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022 at 6.00 pm

Members Present : Cllr S Naylor
Cllr Miss C Fox
Cllr Ms J Thomas
Cllr Mrs K Cernik
Cllr L Siddall

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Town Clerk
Liza Clansey – Assistant Town Clerk

FIN 21/73 **CHAIR FOR MEETING**

As Cllr T Melville (Chair) and Cllr M McNamee (V Chair) were not present, it was agreed that Cllr Miss C Fox would Chair the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr S Naylor and seconded by Cllr L Siddall, all agreed

FIN 21/74 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from, Cllr G Emmett and Cllr T Melville. Cllr M McNamee was not present.

FIN 21/75 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were given from Cllr Mrs K Cernik and Cllr S Naylor relating to CW&C.

FIN 21/76 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20th January 2022 and noted at Town Council meeting on 7th February 2022 were approved.

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Thomas and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all agreed

FIN 21/77 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

TC & ATC answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

4394/135 NOW Festival – TC confirmed that he had now received much more detail regarding this event

1700/1251 Church Walk Pool – Members will need a future meeting to discuss charges

1700/various Contracts – We are taking on more contract work and using sub-contractors to complete some of the jobs

1700/3120 – Vivo Care – The chapel is now being rented out bringing in income

Proposed by Cllr Ms J Thomas and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all agreed

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**Cllr Miss C Fox
Acting Chair**

Finance Committee agreed that now NTC is growing at such a rate we need to set up a working group with members to discuss a future business plan and address gaps in the structure of staff and future management issues with objectives. NTC is getting bigger, and the TC will need more assistance.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Cernik and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all agreed

FIN 21/78 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £117,198.23

TC discussed with committee that he wanted to look into purchasing or leasing an electric vehicle in replacement of one vehicle. It was agreed TC would investigate this and report back.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs K Cernik and seconded by Cllr Miss C Fox, all agreed

FIN 21/79 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECK BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments from December (November 21 invoices)

Defib Store - £1036.80
Peter Douglas - £528.00

Proposed at last meeting by Cllr McNamee and seconded by Cllr G Emmett and Ms J Thomas, all approved

Members picked two suppliers from January payments (December 21 invoices), evidence to be brought to finance meeting in March 2022 and chosen by Cllrs Ms J Thomas and Cllr Miss C Fox

BID - £300.00
Columbaria - £553.20

FIN 21/80 WITTON & DANE VALLEY CEMETERY FEES 2022 TO 2023

Columbaria provide all our Sanctum 2000 vaults within Witton Cemetery, they have increased their prices for 2022, it was agreed to increase our fees to cover the costs on the Sanctum 2000 vaults.

All other fees remain the same.

Proposed by Cllr Miss C Fox and seconded by Cllr L Siddall, all approved

FIN 21/81 AMENITIES FEES APRIL 2022-2023

Amenity fees were reviewed, and it was agreed these prices would all remain the same for Vickersway Park, Whalley Road Football Field, Allotments and Chapel fees.

It was agreed that the hire of Verdin Park charges would be increased from £132.00 to £150.00.

Proposed Cllr Mrs K Cernik and seconded by Cllr L Siddall, all approved

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**Cllr Miss C Fox
Acting Chair**

Columbaria provide all the benches within our Cemeteries.

They have increased their charges and it was agreed that our fees would also increase to cover the cost.

These benches are sold to members of the public at cost.

Proposed Cllr Ms J Thomas and seconded by Cllr S Naylor, all approved

FIN 21/83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Thursday 17th March 2022 at 6.00 pm

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.42 pm

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Cllr Miss C Fox
Acting Chair