

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 19th AUGUST 2021 VIA ZOOM

Members Present : Cllr M McNamee (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Naylor
Cllr G Emmett
Cllr Ms J Thomas
Cllr T Melville

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Town Clerk
Liza Clansey – Assistant Town Clerk
Cath Kirwan – Finance Officer

FIN 21/26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr L Siddall, Cllr Mrs K Cernik and Cllr Miss C Fox

FIN 21/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr S Naylor wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to CW&C. Cllr G Emmett and Cllr M McNamee wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to Freshwater View.

FIN 21/28 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 and to be noted at Town Council Monday 6th September 2021 were approved

Proposed Cllr G Emmett, seconded Cllr S Naylor, all approved

FIN 21/29 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

TC & FO answered various members' questions relating to budget:

4553/200 Old Hall Road – High expenditure for new play area. WREN income expected soon.

4555/200 Protective Clothing/Uniform – We have struggled with the quality of boots which are not lasting as expected. New staff members also required full uniform. Hence high spend on this line.

Church Walk and Vickersway have now been given their own contract code – this will make it easier to see what has been spent and what income has been received. With regards to the Church Walk paddling pool TC has suggested charging £1 per entry next year as this will guarantee an income. The running costs are astronomical, and this £1 charge could generate £56k income. Whilst the pool has been opened the visitors have been asked would they be happy to pay, and the feedback has been good. The booking system has been very good and is going well. The pool has been easier to manage with smaller numbers. Cllr G Emmett asked about the security fee as it isn't showing yet, but he was informed that this will be on next months Income and Expenditure when the invoice has been received.

NTC are still awaiting payment from Chester West and Chester for the town centre toilets.

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Verdin Park Banner Case - This has become a popular advertising site. At the moment the fee is £50 a week and charities advertise for free. TC has suggested we review this fee to £30 a day or £150 per week. Report to be brought to Full Council for approval after the TC has reviewed this. Northwich Town Council and BID Northwich events will take precedence for the advertising space.

Figures on page 25 were agreed

Proposed: Cllr Ms J Thomas, seconded Cllr G Emmett, all approved

FIN 21/30 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

TC and ATC answered various members' questions relating to Bacs payments.

Universal Container – This was for Parkrun and NTC and members budget have contributed to costs.

Cheshire Self Drive – TC Car to be reviewed for a longer-term lease.

Premises Licence – payment for annual Regulated Entertainment Licence for Music and Dance

Walkers – Summer planting.

Aviary Birds – Birds in Vickersway Park.

Rudheath and Witton Together and Northwich Town Council have hosted the Summer Fun Days every Monday and Thursday throughout August. We have had payment to Harveys Bouncy Castle, LoveSeed Yoga and Multiflex.

Gawsworth Parish Council – Outside play inspectors are used for this contract.

Steve Pugh – monthly invoice for Grave digging.

Salt Town – 3 Artists for the Artisan Market.

Suddenstrike – Bees/Wasps nest @ Vickersway Park

SN commented on town centre how it is looking really good and praised NTC staff.

£90,550.60 Payments were approved

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett, seconded by Cllr S Naylor, all approved

FIN 21/31 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECK BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments from June 2021 payments

Cheshire Business Supplies - £90.00

Gibsons Garden Machine - £334.47

Proposed by Cllr G Emmett and seconded by Cllr S Naylor, all agreed

Members picked two suppliers from July 2021 to be brought to finance meeting in September and chosen by Cllr Ms J Thomas

Peter Douglas Platforms - £258.00

Sutcliffe Play - £110.54

FIN 21/32 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Thursday 16th September at 5pm via Zoom

Proposed Cllr T Melville, seconded Cllr G Emmett, all agreed

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6pm

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**Cllr M McNamee
Chair**