

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 18th MAY 2021 VIA ZOOM

Members Present : Cllr T Melville (Chair)
Cllr Mrs K Cernik
Cllr S Naylor
Cllr G Emmett
Cllr L Siddall
Cllr M McNamee

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

FIN21/01 TO APPOINT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR THE COMING YEAR

Cllr T Melville to be Chair of Finance
Proposed Cllr S Naylor, seconded Cllr Mrs K Cernik, all in favour

Cllr M McNamee to be Vice-Chair
Proposed Cllr T Melville, seconded Cllr G Emmett seconded, all in favour

Resolved

FIN 21/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Ms J Thomas, Cllr Miss C Fox

FIN 21/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs K Cernik and Cllr S Naylor wished to declare an interest in any matters relating to CW&C

FIN 21/04 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 and noted at Town Council Monday 4th May 2021 were approved

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

FIN 21/05 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

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

Cllr G Emmett asked for more information on the following items:
4250/135 Bridge Illumination – The agreed budget of 10,000 was set in this year's precept
4250/135 Christmas - various Christmas headings have been moved into one
4453/140 LGA 1972 & 142 Credit Union budget heading, to be amended and remove Credit Union and replace with Grants as this budget is for grants
4520/200 – Tree Maintenance – a lot of work has already been carried out this year in Vickersway Park

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Cllr L Siddall asked if we had had to write off lots of stock last year at Vickersway Park, but LC explained that it is run down at the end of the season and even though Covid restrictions made it hard to open we did not lose much stock. This year there is a substantial improvement as the shop is open a lot more.

Vickersway birds – Cllr S Naylor asked about the welfare of the birds in winter and LC said they are well sheltered and are looking healthy.

Contracts – TC informed members that we have gained some new contracts and won back some old ones such as Knutsford, Holmes Chapel and Middlewich. Cllr Mrs K Cernik said well done and congratulations for winning new contracts, it shows the impressive work NTC staff carry out.

Cllr G Emmett mentioned the broken trees which had been vandalised in Weaver Square and if we will be replacing them. TC suggested removing them and replacing them when the time is right and after the vandalism has died down. Cllr Mrs K Cernik agreed they should be replaced when the time is right.

Figures on page 19 were agreed

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

FIN 21/06 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

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

Payments were approved

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

FIN 21/07 BANK PAYMENTS TO BE CHECK BY FINANCE

Members approved evidence for payments from April 2021 payments

Cheshire Farm Machinery - £1317.62
Flying Colours - £539.40

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

Members picked two suppliers from April 2020 to brought to finance meeting June May 2021 and chosen by Cllr G Emmett

Amberol Limited - £210.00
Defib Store Limited - £640.80

FIN 21/08 PREFERRED SUPPLIER FOR SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES

Members were updated with the plans for the year's Summer Play Schemes.

We are working with Multiflex and Cheshire Catering for the schools and Vickersway park and if funding goes ahead, we will be offering play schemes at Church Walk, Kingsmead, Victoria Road, Charles Darwin, Winnington and Vickersway Park. Leftwich will be providing their own.

It was approved that Multiflex and Cheshire Catering will be NTCs preferred supplier but will be reviewed if we are ever unhappy with them.

Proposed: Cllr T Melville, seconded Cllr L Siddall, all approved

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FIN 21/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members asked if we could carry on with the virtual meetings and agreed these were much easier to attend. ATC will clarify if we can carry on with Zoom meetings or if we have to attend face to face meetings.

It was agreed that moving forward meetings would be on a Thursday at 5.30pm if via Zoom or 6pm if face to face.

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

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.15am

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