

**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MONDAY 15th February 2021

Present: Cllrs, Bailey, B Bayford, J Bayford, R Binks (Chair), R. K. Binks, Buckley, Dexter, Garner, P. Moore, W Moore, Parsons, Rawf, D Saunders, M Saunders, Savage

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

Deputy Town Clerk: Christine Chappell

421 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None – all present

422 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

423 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th January 2021.

RESOLVED: That the be approved as a true record of the meeting and can be signed by the chairman at the earliest opportunity.

424 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman combined her report together with that of the Town Clerk

425 CORRESPONDENCE and CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Members considered the content of a letter from a local resident which the Town Clerk had shared prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Council's honorary solicitor be asked to respond on the Council's behalf.

Members received a short report from the Events Manager

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a hole measuring approximately 2'6" x 2'6" had appeared in the ground in Culmer's Amenity Land. The area had been taped off and marked with a cone and Southern Water were due to attend at the earliest opportunity.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

426 Grants 2020-2021

Members received an updated spreadsheet and considered how to deal with any unallocated monies

RESOLVED: That all unallocated monies be rolled forward into the grants budget for the coming year 2021/22

427 Grants 2021-2022

Members received an updated spreadsheet and consider the recommendation from the Leisure and Tourism sub-committee regarding the proposed grant recipients for the 2021-2022 Civic Year. (Min 359)

RESOLVED: That all grants of £2000 or less be approved subject to the following: -

- i) That all groups must provide audited accounts as requested in the guidelines**
- ii) That monies for events will only be released when it appears certain the event will be able to go ahead.**
- iii) That grants for events which subsequently do not go ahead must be returned.**

Members then considered the larger grants.

RESOLVED: That all the grants (with the exception of Broadstairs Food Festival) be approved as per the recommendations from the Leisure and Tourism sub-committee subject to the following:

- i) That those organisations which had not submitted accounts must do so before their money can be released.**
- ii) That monies for events will only be released when it appears certain the event will be able to go ahead.**
- iii) That grants for events which subsequently do not go ahead must be returned.**

iv) That Broadstairs Food Festival be asked to attend the next F&GP meeting in order to present their case and answer councillors' questions.

428 FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS

- Members received the periodic financial report for the period 23rd January to 12th February 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

- Members received the budget comparison for the period 1st April 2020 to 12th February 2021.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note

- Members considered the use of Unity Trust Bank to meet the Council's electronic banking needs.

RESOLVED: Members approved the setting up of a new current account subject to the Clerk checking whether the existing account at Natwest can offer the same level of security.

429 Calendar of Meetings

Members received and considered a draft calendar of meetings for the remainder of the civic year.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Town Forum take place in April: date to be confirmed**
- ii) That a meeting of the Asset and Budget sub-committee be convened in April**
- iii) That the matter of Beach Security be addressed by this committee at its next meeting on 22 March.**

430. PROPOSED FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Beach security
Broadstairs Food Festival

Town Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.42

Meeting was recorded: ~~yes~~/no
Members of the public were present: yes/~~no~~
Members of the press were present: ~~yes~~/no