

# NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL



## MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019

**Present** - Councillor Arthur Moran (Mayor) and Councillors David Marren (Chair), Stuart Bostock, Penny Butterill, Pam Kirkham, John Statham, with Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk and David Thomas the Facilities Manager.

### **PART 1**

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Philip Staley and Stephanie Wedgewood.

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3 MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 31 OCTOBER 2019**

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 31 October 2019.

#### **4 2019/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Members noted the income and expenditure as at the end of October, commenting that the format provided was very clear. Councillor Marren suggested that it would be useful to include predicted spend in future reported.

**Resolved:** To note the income and expenditure of the Town Council to the end of October 2019.

#### **5. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following grant applications for 2020/21:

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant requested	Grant recommended	Notes
South Cheshire ABC	To subsidise the costs of Boxing show in October at Nantwich Civic Hall	£2500-£3500	£1000	£1000  The use of the Civic room on two occasions At £500 per occasion.	Held twice a year for the last four years, attracting 300-400 spectators, encouraging future participation for all ages from 5yrs-60+yr
Nantwich Pride	Pride Festival	£7000	£2000-£4000	Recommend £2000.	Pride festival to bring the LGBT community together. Grant to aid in the delivery costs of the festival.
Holly Holy D	Holly Holy Day Celebrations - Battle of Nantwich	£7000	£1550	£1550	To assist with toilets, fencing, insurance, public address

Crewe & Nantwich Gymnastics and Community Activities Association	To build new facility at Vagrants	Circa £3m	£5,000	Following receipt of additional information And as requested, and based on the suggestion from Crewe & Nantwich Gymnastics Committee Recommend deferring The request until the New year.	Grant to be used to facilitate the build by funding surveys, planning consent etc.
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Members also considered the annual awards to local organisations together with the awards in Kind as detailed within the draft budget and agreed to recommend the proposed amounts to full council.

**Resolved:** To recommend the proposed grant applications as detailed together with the annual awards and awards in Kind to local organisations to be included within the proposed budget.

## **6. REPORT ON FEES AND CHARGES**

Members considered the previously circulated report on proposals for fees and charges for 2020/21 for Market rents, Civic Hall fees, Brookfield Hall fees and allotment rents.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To recommend a daily increase of £1.50 for market stalls;
- b) To recommend a weekly increase of £1 for allotments;
- c) To recommend that the fees for the Civic Hall and Brookfield Hall remain the same for 2020/21;
- d) To recommend the fee for non-resident allotment holders to have a proportionate increase.

## **7. BUDGET 2020/21 AND RESERVES**

Members considered the previously circulated report containing proposals for additional revenue and capital spend items together with draft budget proposals. The additional revenue items including provision for a Town Ranger, with additional Capital costs proposed to come from Capital reserves for LED lighting, Blow up Dome additional CCTV, TV screens at the market, market tables and professional fees. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend the inclusion within the budget for a Town Ranger, and to support capital spend on LED lighting, professional fees for the Civic Hall extension and additional CCTV. Members also considered the proposed revenue reserves, and Councillor Marren asked if the revenue reserves for training could be included within the draft budget proposals. Member discussed the impact of the precept increase if the proposals were approved which would mean an increase of approximately 7.5%. Councillor Marren also mentioned the possibility of the Town Council considering the support for transport services where a public bus service is no longer available. Members also considered the proposal for all permanent staff to receive a gift card for Christmas 2019. It was proposed and supported to issue gift cards to the value of £150 for each member of staff.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To recommend the draft budget as proposed, but to include allowance for a Town Ranger and the training budget;
- b) To recommend a precept increase to 7.5%;
- c) To recommend the Revenue Reserves as proposed but without the training budget
- d) To recommend the proposal for Capital spend on LED lighting, Additional CCTV, market tables and professional fees for the Civic Hall extension;
- e) To issue gift cards to the value of £150 to each permanent member of staff.

8. **ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS**

**Resolved:** That the schedule of payments be approved in accordance of the previous resolution of the Town Council to use the General Power of Competence.

Signature of Chair :.....

Date:.....