



Present - Councillor Kirkham (Chair), Councillor Marren (Mayor) and Councillors Bartram, Bostock, Bowyer-Bates, Hall, Lewis, Moran, David Thomas and the Town Clerk.

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bowyer-Bates declared an interest in item 5 in relation to Nantwich Concert Band.

3. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 19 JULY 2018

The minutes of the Meeting held on 19 July 2018 were approved.

Committee noted that a holding reply had been received from Cheshire East on the acceptance of the offer to share the costs of repair to the drain.

4. 2017/18 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Committee received a report on income and expenditure to the end of August. Fuel costs over the summer have been low and costs will increase over the winter months. Committee noted that the overspend on grants was due to inclusion of costs on the Poppy Cross. The grants and contributions cost centres should be read together. Committee received the report.

5. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Committee considered the following applications for grant aid

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Notes
Crewe and District Parkinson's UK	A Band Concert Nantwich Civic Hall 3 November 2018	4,948.94	1,450.00	Grant requested for the hall fee hire and food.

RESOLVED: To award a grant to cover the cost of the hall hire fee. Additional expenses such as doorman costs and the cost of food are not covered by the grant.

Nantwich Concert Band	Annual Concert Nantwich Civic Hall 2019	1012.94	500.00	Grant requested for the hall fee hire.
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RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to cover the cost of the hall hire fee. Additional expenses such as doorman costs are not covered by the grant.

AO STAR programme 2018	Evening at Nantwich Civic Hall for employees and suppliers	?	559.00	Grant requested for the hall fee hire and security.
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RESOLVED: To defer the application pending the receipt of additional information.

Alpha Omega Securities Ltd	Charity Boxing Celebrity Event	?	500.00	Corkage costs on donated wine
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RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to cover the cost of corkage for 100 bottles of donated wine.

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RESOLVED: To award a grant of £500 to cover the cost of corkage for 100 bottles of donated wine.

6. REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Committee received the report of the Internal Auditor for the quarter ending 30 June 2018 and noted that there were no issues arising.

7. ANNUAL RETURN 2017/18 - REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Committee received the Report of the External Auditor and Certificate for 2017/18. Committee noted that the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn, had reviewed Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and that, in their opinion, the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern.

8. NANTWICH WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that the renovation proposals for the war memorial were being considered by the Diocese. Once a faculty is issued and a notice period of 30 days expires the work can be completed.

9. DATE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS MEETING

Committee agreed the date of the grant application budget meeting as 23 October 2018.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 1 November 2018 5.30 pm Peggy Killick Suite, Nantwich Civic Hall.

PART 2

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Committee **RESOLVED** that, further to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude press and public on the grounds that the matters to be considered concern commercial financial details best considered in confidence.

12. BUDGET 2019/20 AND RESERVES

Committee received a report on budget preparation for 2019/20 and noted the likely increase in expenditure. Members were asked to consider additional growth items and potential savings.

13. BONUS PAYMENTS

Committee **RESOLVED** to award a payment of £130 as a staff bonus in recognition of work during unsocial hours.