



## NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2020

**Present** - Councillor David Marren (Chair), Stuart Bostock, John Statham, Philip Staley and Stephanie Wedgwood with Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk and David Thomas the Facilities Manager.

**Also present:** Councillor Arthur Moran (Mayor)

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Penny Butterill and Pam Kirkham

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Statham declared an interest in agenda item 5. Grant applications as he is a member of the Scout Group.

#### 3 MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

#### 4 2019/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Members noted the income and expenditure as at the end of December 2019. The Clerk spoke to the accompanying report identifying areas of overspend within four cost centres providing explanations. The Clerk advised members that from the beginning of the new financial year a new cost centre will be introduced for income and expenditure relating to external organisations events. This will help to identify where the Town Council acts as a selling agent and the funds are only held and issued to the organisers. Councillor Marren commented on the Civic Hall and Market income and expenditure, stating that prior to the Town Council taking over responsibility for the Civic Hall the overall yearly running costs had been significantly higher. Councillor Marren questioned the reason for the current running costs of the Market. The Facilities Manager advised it was in part due to the rise in the Non Domestic Business Rates, which the Town Council had appealed but had lost, adding that the income generated from the Farmers Market and artisan markets helped to off-set the running costs.

Councillor Statham asked about the running costs of the public conveniences and was advised that most of the costs were associated with staffing costs, as the toilets attended by a member of staff throughout the opening hours.

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

#### 5. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following grant applications for 2020/21:

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant requested	Grant recommended	Notes
South West Cheshire Scouts	Crewe Gang Show	£30,074	£500	£500	To purchase commemorative neckerchief's and woggles for all cast members.

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 approve the grant application as detailed.

**6. REPORT ON VIREMENT**

Members considered the previously circulated report requesting virement of funds between budget headings to address essential expenditure as detailed within the report. Councillor Statham questioned the budget relating to Chubb security and whether last years' precept had been set incorrectly if the costs associated with Chubb were now being paid from an alternative cost code. The Clerk advised that as the Chubb invoices had been paid from the wrong cost code, this had created a shortfall within that cost code resulting in a requirement for a virement.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to approve the request for the virements as detailed within the report.

**7. 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 :.....