



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

**PART 1**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Moran. Councillor Butterill substituted for Councillor Moran.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**3. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 29 NOVEMBER 2018**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 29 November 2018 were approved as a correct record.

**4. 2018/19 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Committee received a report on income and expenditure to the end of December, nine months through the financial year. Committee noted that the predicted expenditure includes commitments through to the end of the financial year. A small surplus is expected at year end.

Committee also noted that the Civic Hall net expenditure was on target. The Market operation is predicted to show a small profit due mainly to the Farmers' Markets and specialist markets. The Allotments expenditure includes committed expenditure on repairs to the drain at Brookfield. The allotments expenditure continues to be well in excess of income. Committee received the report.

**5. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

None.

**6. REPORT ON PURCHASE OF CHERRY PICKER**

Committee considered progress on the purchase of the cherry picker. A suitable vehicle on the second-hand market of the required age and standard has not been identified. A new vehicle will cost in the region of £70,000 to £80,000.

Committee noted the possibility that the vehicle can be hired out to other organisations including town and parish councils creating a source of income. Crewe Town Council had already indicated interest in this arrangement which would realise an income of £4,000.

Committee **RESOLVED** to purchase a new vehicle using capital funding.

**7. REPORT ON WARD BUDGET EXPENDITURE**

The Clerk reported on the expenditure from the ward budget. There had been no expenditure in 2018/19. Committee noted a commitment by Councillor Butterill and Moran to spend their ward budget allocation on improvement to the landscaping and open space alongside the brook at Taylor Drive. This work will follow the completion of the road scheme.

**PART 2**

**8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**9. REPORT ON THE SALE OF BURLAND COACH TICKETS**

Committee received a report on the proposed conditions regarding the sale of tickets for trips and tours operated by Burland Coaches. The sale of Burland Coach tickets at the Civic Hall is an arrangement agreed by Cheshire East.

Committee **RESOLVED** to

- continue with the existing arrangement for selling 1-day tour tickets
- charge a commission of 15% on ticket sales plus VAT
- refer requests for refunds and credit notes to Burland Coaches
- not sell the extended tour holidays.
- source other local companies to sell tickets as agents

**10. STAFF INCREMENTS – PERFORMANCE AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM**

Committee noted that work on a performance and development system had been delayed and that increments in April 2019 would be paid under the existing terms and conditions.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 12 February 2019 6.00 pm Peggy Killick Suite, Nantwich Civic Hall.**