



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2019

Present - Councillor Moran (Mayor) and Councillors Bostock, Butterill, Greaves, Kirkahm, Statham, Wedgwood and the Town Clerk.

PART 1

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Marren (Chair) and Staley and The Facilities Manager

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stephanie Wedgwood declared an interest in the grant application by.

3 MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 6 JUNE 2019

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 6 June 2019.

4 REPORT ON INTERNAL AUDITOR

Committee noted the report of the Internal Auditor for the quarter 1 April to 30 June 2019 and noted that there were no matters of concern to report. The Clerk advised that the new auditor JOH Business Services had now been appointed and that he would be completing the second quarter review on 1 November.

5. 2019/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Committee received an illustrative report on income and expenditure to the end of September, indicating how budgets are monitored throughout the year. Members asked about the spend to date relating to Tourism and how 94% of the budget had already been spent. The Clerk advised that the report reflected each of the cost centres and within each cost centre there were cost codes which broke down how the budget had been allocated and spent. Members agreed it would be beneficial to consider the detail behind the each cost centre.

6. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

Resolved: It was resolved that The schedule of payment be approved in accordance of the previous resolution of the Town Council to use the General Power of Competence

PART2

7 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Resolved: It was resolved that the press and public be excluded on the grounds that the matter to be considered concern financial details best considered in confidence.

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS AND DONATIONS 2020/21

Committee considered the following applications for grant aid from this year's grants budget - 2019/20.

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant requested	Notes
Greenspaces South Cheshire CIC	Wild Flower meadow planting in Coed Wen	460	460	Environmental solutions to Nantwich, working with young groups and shoals planting and maintaining Coed Wen
St. Mary's Nantwich Partnership	To extend outreach- of St Mary's to support those in need with money management, employment skills and opportunities through a Job Club	4430	450	To sustain the community service.
Sunshine Brig Foundation	Shine Bright Ball	£875	£500	To subsidise the cost of arranging the ball, to include the purchase of decorations, flowers, gift boxes and entertainment
Wrenbury & District Model Railway Club	Create a stand alone mobile rail board for exhibitions	£1245	£500	New exhibition board will enable visits to groups to encourage take up of the hobby

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) to approve the grants requested for Greenspaces South Cheshire CIC, St. Mary's Nantwich Partnership and Sunshine Bright Foundation
- b) To refuse the grant request for Wrenbury & District Model Railway Club.

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	Held twice a year for the last four years, attracting 300-400 spectators, encouraging future participation for all ages from 5yrs-60+vrs
Nantwich Pride	Pride Festival	£7000	£2000-£4000	Members support the request but require additional information providing details on last year's event costs and any surplus.	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 facilities at Vagrants	Circa £3m	£5,000	Committee requested additional information on plans for raising £3m with details of other funding streams in order to protect potential £5000 on feasibility work. Members do not wish to lose the grant money if the scheme is not viable or developed.	Grant to be used to facilitate the build by funding surveys, planning consent etc.
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