



## NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 September 2020

**Present** – Councillors: David Marren (Chair), Arthur Moran, Stuart Bostock, David Greaves, Phil Staley, Stephanie Wedgwood, with the Facilities Manager David Thomas and Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk.

**Also present:** Councillor Pam Kirkham

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor John Statham

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

#### 3 MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>TH</sup> September 2020.

#### 4 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following grant applications for 2020/21:

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Notes
Nantwich Concert Band	Annual Concert at Civic Hall	£1004	£500	NTC had budgeted £1000 before the pandemic for the Concert Band as yearly contribution
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1004</b>	<b>£500</b>	

**Resolved:** To agree to fund £500 for room hire in 2021.

#### 5. BUDGET TIMETABLE

Members considered the previously circulated budget timetable which had been approved by council prior to the pandemic. The Clerk advised members that as a result of the pandemic there had been some slight slippage. The Policy Committee had not considered the Strategic Plan and any actions associated with it that may have budget implications. In addition, the new appraisal system had not been introduced which will prevent the Staffing Committee from feeding into the budget process this year based on appraisal outcomes. The Clerk advised members that despite the slight slippage there is no reason why the Town Council should not meet the deadline to approve the budget for 2021/22.

Councillor Moran confirmed his support for the advice of the Clerk, and Councillor Marren voiced concern about the potential for prejudice of members on an employment appeals panel should they be made aware of performance concerns during the budget process.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to note the advice of the Clerk relating to the impact of the pandemic on the budget timetable.

#### 6. PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Members considered the draft Planned Maintenance Programme prepared by officers. The Clerk provided members with information on the spreadsheet to help with the understanding of proposals. Members considered each entry on the spreadsheet, making observations on items that should be either capital or revenue costs with a few amendments being suggested. In discussion members also asked

that the installation of solar panels at the Civic could be included in the programme. Members also agreed that they would not want to provide a police car, and reduced the provision of a town council van from two to one for the time being. Councillor Moran asked that the Clerk update the spreadsheet and provide a breakdown of total capital costs and total revenue costs for future consideration when developing the budget.

**Resolved:** That the draft planned maintenance programme be amended as proposed and used to in developing the budget for 2021/22

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....