



## **NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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

**Also present:** Councillor Pam Kirkham, Peter Groves and Andrew Martin

#### **13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stephanie Wedgwood

#### **14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

#### **15. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

#### **16. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Members considered the previous circulated report detailing the income and expenditure to 31 October 2020. The Clerk advised members that she had followed the same format of reporting as previous months highlighting where savings had been made and how this has off-set the reduction in income experienced due to the pandemic.

The Clerk brought to the attention of members the section of the report seeking views on the fee to be charged to the NHS for the hire of the main hall to carry out the national vaccine programme. The Clerk provided members with the standard fee to be charged but asked if Council would consider a reduced fee.

Members considered the request, and agreed that so long as the overheads of the town council were covered taking into consideration the hidden costs associated with wear and tear, power etc. as well as the staffing costs then members were happy to delegate the authority to the Clerk and Facilities Manager to negotiate a suitable fee agreeable to both parties.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To note the report and approve the review of income and expenditure and the bank reconciliations as of 31 October 2020;
- b) Continue to act with caution and refrain from unnecessary expenditure.
- c) To delegate authority to the Clerk and Facilities Manager to agree a suitable fee with the NHS for the hire of the Main Hall.

#### **17. TOWN COUNCIL INCOME 2021/22**

Members considered the report relating to fees and charges for 2021/20 for the Civic Hall, Brookfield Hall, market rents and allotment rents. The Clerk advised members that the allotment rents had already been approved by council the previous month in line with the new allotment rent setting policy.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) That the draft fees and charges for the Civic Hall, Brookfield Hall and market rents be recommended for approval by Full Council;

- b) That the Clerk and Facilities Manager be given delegated authority to negotiate fees relating to the Civic Hall and Brookfield Hall.

## 18. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following applications for awards above £500 were considered by members:

| Applicant                                                                             | Project           | Total cost (£)                             | Grant Requested (£) | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Recommendation                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RedShift Radio</b>                                                                 | The Happiness Hub | <b>£10,000</b> per year                    | <b>£5,000</b>       | To support the final phase of the project in 2021 – an actual “hub” weekly meeting for people of Nantwich struggling with their mental health, including loneliness, job security, family or health challenges. | That the Clerk seek to confirm whether the project will duplicate or compliment existing provision by CEC or other organisations. |
| <b>Nantwich Growing Health Community Garden (Brookfield Allotments Tenant Assoc.)</b> | Community Garden  | <b>£24,000 plus on-going running costs</b> | <b>£2,000</b>       | To purchase a polytunnel for the community garden                                                                                                                                                               | That Council approve the support of purchasing a polytunnel for the community garden                                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                          |                   | <b>£34,000</b>                             | <b>£7,000</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                   |

**Resolved:** It was resolved to make the recommendations to full council as detailed above.

## 19. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

**Resolved:** That the schedule of payments be approved in accordance with the previous resolution of the Town Council to use the General Power of Competence, the total sums as follows:

Trading Account = £72,091.95

Current Account = £2,012.26

**The meeting ended at 7.07pm**

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....