



Present – Councillors: David Marren (Chair) John Statham, and Arthur Moran with Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk, and Deputy Clerk Sheryl Birtles

Also present: Councillor Stuart Bostock

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors David Greaves, Pam Kirkham, Phil Staley, and Stephanie Wedgwood.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

19. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 22nd JULY 2021

Committee deferred the approval of the minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd July 2021 to the next Finance Committee.

20. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Members considered the previously circulated reports detailing the income and expenditure to 31st July 2021. The Clerk informed members of the expenditure to date, advising that it was lower than had been expected at this point in the year, but advised that there were some areas of overspend with explanations within specific cost codes of IT, and Oscar POS rental.

The Clerk also informed members of the income received to date, which was higher than had been expected at this point in the year.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) To note and approve the review of income and expenditure and the bank reconciliation as of 31st July 2021

21. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk advised members on the reason for this item, following a request from Councillor Marren when the Financial Risk Assessment had been approved for 2021. Councillor Marren wished to review the risk assessment and the Clerk had suggested that the committee could review sections of the risk assessment throughout 2021 ready for approval for the next financial year of 2022.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) To approve the first to sections of the Risk Assessment with several small amendments to be made.

22. BUDGET 2022/2023

The Town Clerk asked members to consider the previously circulated draft budget which had been prepared by the Clerk and members through budget workshops. The Clerk went on to advise members that in their decision making they would also need to consider the planned maintenance programme and also the delivery of the Corporate Strategic Plan.

The Clerk also presented to members a leaflet to be produced for residents to consult on the budget and detailing where the precept goes.

Members discussed the draft budget and felt it important that the majority of the Finance Committee should be involved in the process and decision making.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) That an additional Finance Committee would be held W/C 11th October to discuss this item alone and in more detail.
- b) The Town Clerk to update predicted income for Civic Shows for 2022/23

23. INCOME 2022/23

The Town Clerk asked members to consider proposals for various income streams of the Town Council for 2022/23.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) Members recommend that the Civic Hall and Brookfield fees and charges should remain the same
- b) Recommend an increase of 2% on Market rents
- c) Recommend an increase of 5% on Allotment rents
- d) That the Clerk would review the agreement with Stapeley Parish Council in relation to allotments

24. DRAFT PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

Members considered the planned maintenance programme for 2022/23.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) Members recommend that the Draft Planned Maintenance Programme should be adopted with some agreed amendments.

25. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applicant	Project	Total cost (£)	Grant Requested (£)	Notes
Nantwich Food Festival	Welcome back event.	£2500	£500	The event will be held at the Civic Hall with invitations to NTC reps.
Total		£2500	£500	

Resolved: It was resolved to approve the grant applications as detailed above.

26. 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 = £158,713.85
Current Account = £4,290.68
One card = £3339.10
Petty Cash = £0.50

The meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....