



NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th MARCH 2022

Present – Councillors: David Marren (Chair), Arthur Moran, Pam Kirkham and John Statham with Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk.

Also present: Councillor Stuart Bostock

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest expressed.

58. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF 27th January 2022

Committee approved the minutes of the Meetings held on 27th January 2022

59. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Town Clerk spoke to the report providing members with details of cost codes where there is likely to be an overspend with a material variance in excess of 15% of the budget. The Clerk also advised that the projected year end expenditure is likely to be within the budget set for the year, with income likely to be approximately £190,000 more than budgeted, leaving the Town Council at the end of the financial year in a better position than expected.

Councillor Marren asked for details relating to the costs associated with the Civic Regalia, with the Clerk confirming that a fabric collar had been made and attached to the Mayoral Chain and the Mayoral Chain case interior had been repaired.

Councillor Statham asked about the overspend for Worldpay, with the Clerk confirming that there had been an increase in card transactions and additional card terminals had been purchased for the Civic Hall bar and Market Hall.

Councillor Moran asked about the low spend on the Talk of the Town budget, and the Clerk confirmed that the costs to produce the Talk of the Town had been coded incorrectly, which will be rectified before the year end.

Councillor Statham asked if there is likely to be any additional electricity recharges for market traders before the end of the year as the figures appear lower than last year. The Clerk advised that she would seek confirmation from the Facilities Manager, but if there are additional recharges required it is unlikely to hit the account before the end of the year given there are only a few days remaining.

Resolved: It was resolved:

- a) To note and approve the review of the income and expenditure and bank reconciliations for 31st January 2022 and 28th February 2022.

60. FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk went through the Financial Risk Assessment with members detailing where amendments had been made following previous suggestions by members.

Councillor Statham asked for confirmation on which two members sign an authorise various payments and how. The Clerk confirmed that during the Annual Meeting members approved the two members with signatory authorisation for the year, and those two members sign off payments and salaries with details being provided to the Finance Committee each month.

Councillor Marren suggested that he could provide suggestions on how the Financial Risk assessment could be improved but did not want to hold up the approval of the document.

Resolved: It was resolved to recommend that Full Council approve the amended Financial Risk Assessment.

61. GRANT

| Applicant | Project | Total cost (£) | Grant Requested (£) | Notes | Decision |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Nantwich Club | Purchase of Defibrillator | £1400 | £500 | Contribution towards the purchase of a defibrillator to be located at McColl's Shop on Meanee Drive. | To approve £500 funding towards the cost of Defibrillator at McColl's shop |
| Nantwich Pride | Nantwich Pride | £4,771 | £1,000 | To provide family entertainment through the day and evening for all ages. | To reconsider the application once the new grants policy is approved. |
| Cheshire Police Boxing Club | The Danny McCallum Box Cup 2022 | £7800 | £1000 | To put towards the cost of room hire and security. | To approve £1000 towards the costs for room hire and security at the Civic Hall |
| Total | | £13,971 | £2,500 | | |

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

62. PLANNING CONTROL

Members considered the planning applications raised concerns relating to applications 22/0718N and 22/0719N, both applications connected to Chic Interiors. Members agreed that there was insufficient parking for either three apartments or three offices, with access onto the site directly off a busy roundabout.

Members also supported concerns raised by residents relating to planning application 22/0550N for 41 Prince Edward Street. Once again, the concern relating to the lack of existing parking in the street which would be exacerbated by the removal of the garage at No.41 and the creation of additional accommodation and the potential for additional cars.

Resolved: It was resolved that the recommendations of the Clerk and concerns of residents be reported to Cheshire East.

63. 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 = £200,831.36
Current Account = £3,995.21
One card = £5,639.28
Petty Cash = £89.20

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

Signature of Chair

Date