



**Present** – Councillors: David Marren(Chair), David Greaves, Peter Groves, and John Statham, with Samantha Roberts the Town Clerk and Sheryl Birtles the Deputy Town Clerk. Councillor Moran joined the meeting via zoom.

**Also present:** None

**32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Stuart Bostock

**33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Marren declared an interest in agenda item 8 as he has a relative as an employee. He informed members that he would leave the meeting for this item.

**34. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF as 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

Committee approved the minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

**35. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Members considered the previously circulated reports detailing the income and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The Clerk advised members that the Council had this month issued the back pay for the national pay award and having reviewed the salary budget, with the awarded pay increase, she forecasted that the budget could still be underspent by around £8,000.

Councillor Moran advised members that whilst some of the Civic Hall shows had seen slower ticket sales, bar sales were going well with average spend higher than predicted.

**Resolved:** It was resolved:

- a) To note the report and approve the review of income and expenditure and the bank reconciliations as of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

**36. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the grant applications, including £1,000 for the Wingate Centre and £3,000 for Nantwich Jazz Festival.

The Clerk reported that members had previously asked the Wingate Centre to provide details of how many people in Nantwich benefited from the centre to which they had responded 20 individuals, but that they also provide additional respite care for special educational needs pupils in Nantwich.

Members discussed the application for Nantwich Jazz Festival, with Councillor Statham pointing out, and Councillor Moran supporting, that the application is for a commercial venture and not therefore, meeting the grant requirements. In response the Clerk advised that last year the money was issued as sponsorship with the Council receiving a banner in front of the stage. Councillor Marren questioned whether the Town Council needed to promote itself in this manner.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to:

- a) Approve the grant for Wingate Centre
- b) Decline the grant application as it does not meet the criteria but offer support to the event by writing to them asking what sponsorship opportunities are available.

### 37. ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS

Members considered the previously circulated accounts and payments for October 2022.

**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 = £182,912.10

Current Account = £1,907.32

One card = £3,012.59

Petty Cash = £9.75

### 38. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**Resolved:** It was resolved to exclude press and public pursuant to the Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960 as personal or financial contract details are likely to be discussed.

Councillor Marren, the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk left the room.

### 39. STAFFING ISSUES

Members considered a notice of motion from Councillor Moran relating to permanent staff salary payments for December 2022.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk re-joined the meeting to record the decision.

**Resolved:** It was resolved to approve a one-off gift voucher to the sum of £150 in December 2022 for each member of permanent staff.

**The meeting ended at 7.25pm**

Signature of Chair :.....

Date :.....