FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held virtually by Zoom on Thursday, 22nd October 2020 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors P Bingham, R Field, P Gane, D Jeffrey, N Keen (Chair), M Lawes, C McConville, J Meade and T Prater.

OFFICERS PRESENT: J Childs (Town Clerk) and P Cross (Finance Officer).

1355. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

1356. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gane declared a non pecuniary interest in item 11 as he works in a car dealership.

1357. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th August 2020 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20th August 2020 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade Voting: F:8 Ag:0, Ab:0

18.34pm Councillor Paul Bingham arrived at this juncture.

1358. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Committee considered the schedule of payments made between 1st August 2020 and 30th September 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st August 2020 and 30th September 2020 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

1359. BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2020/21

The budget monitoring statement to the 30th September 2020 was received by the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Statement to 30th September 2020 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor Mary Lawes Seconded: Councillor Connor McConville Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

1360. BANK RECONCILIATION

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation statement to 30th September 2020 be noted.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade Seconded: Councillor Peter Gane Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

1361. WARD GRANTS

A list of ward grants approved by the Town Clerk between 1st August 2020 and 30th September 2020 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1362. WARD GRANT BALANCES 2020/21

A list of ward grant balances available to each Councillor on the 30th September 2020 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1363. CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GRANTS

The coronavirus community resilience grants approved to 30th September 2020 were provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1364. REPLACEMENT OF CIVIC VEHICLE – APRIL 2021

Report F/20/273 provided options for the replacement of the Civic Vehicle at the end of its lease.

RESOLVED: That Report F/20/273 be received but for the Town Clerk to revisit the options to include an all-electric model; a British manufactured model; no civic vehicle (i.e. Mayor's use of taxis and the Town Sergeant to use his own vehicle for Council duties).

Proposed: Councillor Peter Gane Seconded: Councillor Dylan Jeffrey Voting: F:9, Ag:0, Ab:0

1365. MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

The Committee noted that Grants Committee resolved at its meeting on the 24th September 2020, at minute 138. BUDGET 2021/22; that the Town Grants budget remains at £35,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.

1366. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17th December 2020 @ 6.30pm

Chairman
Date