

FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Folkestone Town Council Offices, Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone on Thursday, 16th December 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R Field, P Gane, D Horton, D Jeffrey, M Lawes, C McConville (Chair) and B Walker.

ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: P Cross (Finance Officer).

1442. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the Town Clerk and Cllrs D Brook, M Keutenius and T Prater.

1443. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs R Field, P Gane and C McConville, in their capacity as Folkestone & Hythe District Councillors, with regard to item 10 'Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan & Report 2021/22'.

1444. MINUTES

The Committee received the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 21st October 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 21st October 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor D Horton

Seconded: Councillor B Walker

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:1

1445. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Committee considered the schedule of payments for the period 1st October 2021 to 30th November 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st October 2021 to 30th November 2021 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor M Lawes

Seconded: Councillor P Gane

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1446. BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2021/22

The budget monitoring statement to 30th November 2021 was received by the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Statement to 30th November 2021 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor M Lawes
Seconded: Councillor B Walker
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1447. BANK RECONCILIATION

The Committee received the bank reconciliation statement as at 30th November 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30th November 2021 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor P Gane
Seconded: Councillor C McConville
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1448. WARD GRANTS

A list of ward grants approved by the Town Clerk between 1st October 2021 and 30th November 2021 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1449. WARD GRANT BALANCES 2021/22

A list of ward grant balances available to each Councillor as at 3rd December 2021 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1450. BUDGET 2022/23

Report F/21/301 set out the draft proposals for the Town Council's budget for 2022/23, considering proposed growth items submitted by spending committees. Members were requested to make final recommendations for the budget/precept for presentation to the full Council on 13th January 2022.

RESOLVED: That the draft budget be noted and agreed but the precept be deferred to full Council in January when the new property tax base figures will be available.

Proposed: Councillor D Jeffrey
Seconded: Councillor P Gane
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1451. PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN & REPORT 2021/22

Presented for the Committee’s approval, prior to submission to Folkestone & Hythe District Council by 31st December 2021, was a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan & Report focusing on improvements to Parks and Play Areas during the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years.

The Committee wished to pass on their thanks to the Communities & Grants Officer and the Town Clerk for their hard work on this project.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan & Report 2021/22 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor P Gane
Seconded: Councillor D Horton
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1452. SILVERSCREEN CINEMA GAS BOILER

The Committee was updated regarding a proposed variation to Charlier’s contract to accommodate replacing the gas boiler in the cinema with a new Worcester Greenstar Boiler, 2 additional radiators and associated works for the sum of £11,518.75 ex VAT.

RESOLVED: That a decision on the boiler replacement be delegated to the Chairman, subject to him receiving further information regarding the proposed boiler and whether other options had been considered.

Proposed: Councillor D Jeffrey
Seconded: Councillor C McConville
Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

1453. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 17th February 2022

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm

Chairman.....

Date.....