

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, 17 February 2022 at 7.00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

OFFICERS PRESENT: P Cross (Finance Officer).

1454. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr M Keutenius, Cllr C McConville and the Town Clerk.

1455. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest in respect of item 4 – Schedule of Payments were received from Cllr D Jeffrey, as a member of the Kent Pensions Fund Board, and Cllr P Gane, as a recipient of a reimbursement.

1456. MINUTES

The Committee received the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16 December 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16 December 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor P Gane
Seconded: Councillor B Walker
Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1457. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Committee considered the schedule of payments made between 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Schedule of Payments for the period 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor D Brook
Seconded: Councillor D Horton
Voting: F:8 Ag:0, Ab:0

1458. BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT 2021/22

The budget monitoring statement to the 31 January 2022 was received by the Committee.

It was noted that the sum of £1,030 remained in the 'Lunches for Children' reserve, although it was understood that this scheme would no longer be continued. It was therefore requested that full Council consider moving this sum to another reserve, such as 'Christmas Gifts for Children'.

RESOLVED: That the Budget Monitoring Statement to 31 January 2022 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor P Gane

Seconded: Councillor D Brook

Voting: F:8 Ag:0, Ab:0

1459. BANK RECONCILIATION

The Committee received the bank reconciliation statement as at 31 January 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31 January 2022 be approved.

Proposed: Councillor D Brook

Seconded: Councillor B Walker

Voting: F:8, Ag:0, Ab:0

1460. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Committee was asked to approve the appointment of the internal auditor for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That KALC's recommended auditor, David Buckett, be appointed as the 2021/22 Internal Auditor.

Proposed: Councillor P Gane

Seconded: Councillor D Horton

Voting: F:8 Ag:0, Ab:0

1461. WARD GRANTS

A list of ward grants approved by the Town Clerk between 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1462. WARD GRANT BALANCES 2021/22

A list of ward grant balances available to each Councillor as at 4 February 2022 was provided for the Committee's information and duly noted.

1463. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 21 April 2022 @ 7.00pm

The meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

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