

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Monday 14th December 2020 commencing at 19:00 hours remotely via 'Zoom'.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Murdoch (Chair), Bartlett, Davies, Marsh, Norman, Rumsey, Sutcliffe, Thomas (19:15) and Williams.

OFFICER PRESENT: Town Clerk

FG37/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

FG38/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Norman – Member of The Civic Society

Cllr. Marsh – Member of the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

FG39/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There had been no requests for dispensations received.

FG40/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present. No matters were raised.

FG41/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 26th October 2020 be agreed and signed as a correct record when social distancing restrictions are lifted.

FG42/20 CLERK'S REPORT

- Committee noted that the only item in the Clerk's Report was about a potential devolved asset and that this would be added to the confidential items section of the meeting.

FG43/20 FINANCIAL AND COMMITTEE MATTERS

(a) Income and Expenditure Report

- Committee noted the report up to the end of November 2020 (Month 8 – not final due to the end of month accounts not being complete at the time of the meeting).

(b) Accounts Paid and Outstanding Accounts for Payment

- Following consideration of the accounts paid and outstanding accounts for payment, Committee **RESOLVED** to ratify the payments relating to the end of the month of November 2020.

(c) Committee Report – Committee considered the Committee Update Report and, following discussion, **RESOLVED;**

- To note the report;
- To note that a meeting of the Budget Task & Finish Group is scheduled for 21st December 2020 at 1:30pm to discuss the results of the public consultation that ends on Wednesday 16th December at midnight.
- To feedback Herefordshire Council related comments from the Budget Consultation through the appropriate channels.

FG44/20 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

As certain items were expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Finance & General Purposes Committee **RESOLVED** that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of, Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- (a) **Grants** – Following consideration of the grant applications, the Committee **RESOLVED**:
- To allocate a grant of £529.62 to Leominster Civic Society towards providing name plaques for local bridges as part of a wider interpretation project.
 - To allocate a grant of £935.00 to support the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust to deliver activities funded by the ‘Building Better Opportunities’ project at Kingston Court.
- (b) **Staff Update** – Committee noted the verbal update on staff activities including the secondment of the Administration Assistant to Leominster Museum as Part Time Curator.
Committee noted that an appraisal of the Clerk would be carried out following the next meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee on 18th January 2021.
- (c) **Budget Consultation** - Following discussion, committee noted that the Budget Consultation (both online and hard copy) will end at midnight on 16th December 2020 and the results would be circulated to councillors.
- (d) **J&P McCaull and E. Stanley Holland Charities Update** – The Clerk updated committee on both charities. Meetings will be arranged in the New Year.
- (e) **Licencing at 11 Corn Square** – The Clerk updated the committee on the transferring of the licence for 11 Corn Square.

Potential Devolved Asset (from Clerk’s Report)

The Clerk informed committee that a condition survey had been received and that a site visit would be arranged as soon as possible.

FG45/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be held on Monday 22nd February 2021 at 19:00 which, subject to social distancing restrictions, would either be held remotely via Zoom or at the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.29 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE: