

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Finance and General Purposes Committee** held on Monday 15 June 2020 at 7.00pm at the Barrington Centre, Pennys Walk, Ferndown.

ATTENDANCE LIST

Cllr T Cordery (Chairman)
Cllr P Hanson Graham (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: Cllr I Flay, Cllr Mrs A Miller and Cllr Mrs J Robinson

Officers: Tina Dudley – Acting Town Clerk. Trudy Sollazzo – Acting Responsible Finance Officer

030 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs C A Lugg.

031 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

032 Public Participation

No members of the public attended for this item.

033 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2020 were considered.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hanson Graham; SECONDED by Cllr Flay and –

Resolved that the minutes of the 3 March 2020 be accepted as a true record.

034 KGV Project Group Minutes

The minutes of the KGV Project Group for held on 22 Jan 2020, 5 Feb 2020, 19 Feb 2020, 4 March 2020, 18 March 2020, 23 April 2020 and 13 May 2020. were noted.

The Chairman of the KGV Management Committee informed Members that the playpark was now completed and signed off following the inspection and approval of RoSPA. Work had commenced on the Tennis courts that would result in the closure for a period of eight weeks. The Wheelpark tenders were due to be opened on 16 June 2020 at which time a company would be appointed to commence work on the project.

Following a question from a Member it was confirmed that payment for the playpark had been approved subject to the conditions set out in the contract.

035 Financial year 2019/2020 - Accounts - Year End Financial Comparison Report

Following questions raised it was noted that a new financial system would be sought in the near future as it was considered that the current system did not meet the requirements of the Council.

It was agreed that a detailed financial analysis would be provided to Members following the meeting to clarify the expenditure of the Barrington Centre.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Hanson Graham and:

Resolved that the schedule of payments between 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 be approved.

036 Income and Expenditure Account – Consolidated Balance Sheet – Financial Summary - Cash Book

It was agreed that a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting detailing the expenditure of the Barrington Centre and that report would also be considered at the next meeting of the Barrington Management Committee.

Members sought clarification on the interest received from CCLA investment account including the interest received.

A discrepancy was noted on the Income and Expenditure account, it was agreed that the Acting Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer would report to Committee Members after the meeting to rectify the problem.

Resolved that the Income and Expenditure Account, Consolidated Balance Sheet and Financial Summary - Cash Book be noted.

037 Ear Marked Reserves

Resolved that the Reserves be noted.

038 Financial Year 2020/21 – Schedule of payments – Budget Comparison Report 1 April 2020 – 31 May 2020

It was agreed that the payment for the annual legionella assessment at the Youth Centre would be reviewed as the Council had not signed a lease with Dorset Council and until the lease was signed Members considered that this expenditure was the responsibility of Dorset Council.

It was proposed that Council be recommended to increase the Staff training budget to £8,500.00 for this financial year.

Members agreed that it had become necessary to purchase new tablets for Councillors as it was apparent that the tablets issued to Members in 2019 were outdated and not fit for purpose. Council was to be asked to release funds from the reserves to finance the purchase.

It PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Miller and:

Resolved that the Schedule of payments and Budget Comparison Report 1 April 2020 – 31 May 2020 be approved.

The Committee thanked Officers for the work on providing the reports.

039 Grant Applications:

Members reviewed the Grant applications.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Flay and:

Resolved that:

- a Grant of £439.00 be provided to The Bus Stop Club.
- a Grant of £375.00 be provided to Ferndown Squadron ATC and
- a Grant application submitted by Ferndown Drama Club be declined.

040 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee would 27 July 2020 at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman