

FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

Present: Councillors: T Cordery (Chairman), P Hanson Graham (Vice Chairman), C Lugg, A Miller, J Robinson.
Members of the public: a representative from Ferndown and Parley Rotary Club.
Officers: L Harrison (Town Clerk/RFO), T Dudley (Committee Administrator), and Trudy Sollazzo (Finance Officer).

273	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Flay (work) and Worth (illness). Resolved - apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Flay and Worth.
274	Declarations of interest and dispensations Councillor Cordery declared an interest in relation to Item 6 on the agenda (member of the Fete on the Field Committee).
275	Public participation None.
276	The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that item 8 on the agenda (Community Grant Aid request from Ferndown and Parley Rotary Club) was moved up the agenda to the next item to accommodate the representative from the Rotary Club. The representative from Ferndown and Parley Rotary Club provided information pertaining to the request. Cllr Lugg requested confirmation of the current balance for Councils Community Grant Aid budget and the Finance Officer confirmed it currently stood at £5,625. Cllr Lugg proposed the

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	<p>community grant request for £2,000 be approved, seconded by Cllr Hanson Graham, and agreed by all with one abstention.</p> <p>Resolved: Ferndown Rotary Club receive a community grant of £2,000.</p> <p>The representative then left the meeting.</p>
277	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2020.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Lugg that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2020 be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman when appropriate, seconded by Cllr Robinson and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved - the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and were to be duly signed by the Chairman when appropriate.</p>
278	<p>Matters to report from the Town Clerk in relation to agenda item 4 above.</p> <p>None.</p>
279	<p>Draft budget and precept requirement for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022</p> <p>The draft budget was discussed. It was agreed that the budget allocation for Dugdell Play Park was increased to £45,000. It was agreed that the budget for the Natural Environment Committee was reduced to £3,100.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Lugg that, subject to the amendments agreed above, the budget and precept requirement (option 3) for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was recommended to Full Council for approval, seconded by Cllr Robinson, with four in favour and one abstention.</p> <p>Resolved: the budget and precept requirement with amendments and option 3 for 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 was recommended to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>The Ear Marked Reserves report was noted.</p>
280	<p>Finance reports</p>

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	<p>The budget comparison report for November and December 2020 with COVID income and expenditure implications were noted.</p> <p>The paid expenditure transactions from 1 November to 31 December 2020 were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Lugg proposed to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for months ending October and November 2020 (to be signed by the Chairman at an appropriate time), seconded by Cllr Miller and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved: the bank reconciliation for month end October and November 2020 were approved.</p>
281	<p>Standing Orders</p> <p>The amendments proposed by the Town Clerk were discussed. Cllr Robinson proposed that the amended Standing Orders were approved and adopted, seconded by Cllr Miller and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved: the amended Standing Orders were approved and adopted.</p>
282	<p>Financial Risk Assessment</p> <p>The Town Clerk explained the background to the review of Council's current financial risk assessment. Cllr Lugg proposed that the amended Financial Risk Assessment be approved, seconded by Cllr Hanson Graham and agreed by all.</p> <p>Resolved: the amended Finance Risk Assessment was approved.</p>
283	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all for their participation, confirmed the next meeting date as 22 February 2021 and closed the meeting at 8.33pm.</p>