

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the remote meeting held on Thursday, 14th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors: – T Heath – Chairman
A Barton
Mrs L Burkinshaw
B Colledge
B Franklin
R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Kerry Samperi - Finance Assistant

45/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

46/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

47/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 as circulated were approved and will be signed as a true record when face to face meetings are held.

48/21 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

49/21 APPROVE PRECEPT FOR 2021 - 2022

The proposed precept for 2021 - 2022 was emailed to Members. The proposed increase of 7.02% for Band D property for 2021– 2022 was approved. The Band D Charge will be £65.89 per annum. All Members present voted in favour of this increase.

50/21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 6th January 2021 was emailed to Members.

51/21 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PHASE FUNDING

The Civic Centre and Library construction phase funding report as at 6th January 2021 was emailed to Members.

52/21 CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant applications received by the Finance and General Purposes Committee were considered in accordance with LGA 172 section 137.

Whitnash Short Mat Bowls Club – request an amount of £430.00 for two large industrial style metal lockable cabinets for storing the bowls and other equipment cost £400.00 and PAT testing for their electrical equipment cost £30.00. *Total request is £430.00.* Members proposed that this grant is held over until the March 2021 Finance meeting as the size of the cabinets is not known and these cabinets may not fit in the storage area. Cllr Barton will investigate this grant.

2nd Whitnash Methodist Brownies – request an amount of £100.00 for their contribution to Girl Guiding UK-wide subscription. This contribution is for each member of their Brownie pack – three leaders and seven Brownies. *Total request is £100.00.* Members approved this grant and voted in favour.

Whitnash Fun Day – request an amount of £103.00 to stage a Fun Day after the official opening of the new Civic Centre and Library and invite residents to come and see the new Civic Centre and Library. *Total request is £103.00.* This grant will also be held over until the March 2021 Finance meeting.

53/21 CYBER INSURANCE

Received an email from our insurers regarding cyber insurance. More remote working means more reliance on computer systems and risk of data breaches and does not eliminate the risk of cyber related incidents. The level of cover is dependent on our risk. Members were not in favour of paying for cyber security.

54/21 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

55/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The proposed date for the next meeting is 18th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m. subject to guidance regarding corona virus.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

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