



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Town Council Finance Committee held on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 6:40pm Held at the Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Sam Milward, Cllr Susan Moore, Cllr Cynthia Samson (Chair of the Finance Committee), Cllr Julie Smith, Cllr John Smith & Cllr Kerry Sullivan

Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson - Town Clerk.

Two members of the public.

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

21/26/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Dispensation granted to Cllr Tolver until November 2021.

21/26/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

None.

21/26/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

A member of the public noted that HTC's precept was lower than most local councils.

21/26/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Finance committee meeting held on 13th July 2021.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Parish Council Finance committee meeting held on 13th July 2021.

Motion carried: Four in favour with two abstentions.

21/26/5

Recommendations for expenditure:

a) To retrospectively approve the following items:

None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:

None.

21/26/6

To review the current budget position.

The current budget position was circulated to all councillors and agreed without a vote.

21/26/7

To receive a copy of the latest bank reconciliation month ends September 2021.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr John Smith to accept the latest bank reconciliation month ends September 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/26/8

To approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q2 2021/22.

Cllr Milward proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q2 2021/22.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/26/9

Report from relevant councillor regarding Internal Controls for Quarter 2 2021/22.

Cllr John Smith proposed that, as it was close to the interim audit time, the internal auditor would be conducting the relevant checks. Seconded by Cllr Moore.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/26/10

To review and make recommendation to full council regarding the budget proposal for financial year 22-23.

Cllr Sullivan proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to restore the councillor training budget back from £500.00 to £1,000.00. Review the garage rent and swap the name of the "Greener Handforth" budget line to "Environment / Climate Change".

Resolved: Unanimously.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to make recommendation to full council to accept the proposed 22-23 financial year budget with the agreed changes.

Resolved: Unanimously.

21/26/11 To review and make recommendation to full council in respect of setting the precept for financial year 22-23.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to recommend to the full council that the precept be raised by £10,000.00 from £85,000.00 to £95,000.00 for financial year 22-23.

Resolved: Unanimously.

The meeting closed at 7:22pm

Cllr Cynthia Samson
(Chair of the Finance Committee)
12th October 2021