



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Town Council Finance Committee held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 6:30pm 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 Cllr Ribia Nisa
Mr Comiskey Dawson - Town Clerk.
Four members of the public.

The video can be watched on YouTube by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmNIRoV6ujZq24I634xDmhQ/>

22/01/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

22/01/2 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).

Cllr Samson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12.

Cllr Milward declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

Cllr Julie Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

Cllr John Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 21/01/12 and would not vote on the item.

22/01/3 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.

None.

22/01/4 To approve and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Finance committee meeting held on 12th October 2021.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve, and sign the minutes of the Handforth Town Council Finance committee meeting held on 12th October 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/5 Recommendations for expenditure:
a) To retrospectively approve the following items:
None.

b) To consider any other recommendations/requests:
None.

22/01/6 To receive a copy of the latest bank reconciliation month ends December 2021.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the December 2021 bank reconciliation.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/7 To approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q3 2021/22.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Moore to approve the Quarterly Income and Expenditure accounts for Q3 2021/22.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/8 Report from relevant councillor regarding Internal Controls for Quarter 3 2021/22.

Cllr Samson noted that she had completed the internal control audit for Quarter 3 2021/22 and had spent a considerable amount of time going through the accounts. Cllr Samson was satisfied that all transactions were in order and that the petty cash balanced. Cllr Samson thanked the clerk for his diligence.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Julie Smith to accept the report regarding Internal Controls for Quarter 3 2021/22.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/9 To receive the interim internal auditors report.

Cllr John Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to accept the interim internal auditors report.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/10 MOTION: To consider a grant application received from St Benedict's primary school for the purchase of two "bug hotels" and associated equipment as part of an ongoing ecological project and make recommendation to full council. Grant requested £909.90.

A representative from St Benedict's attended the meeting to describe the project in more detail and to answer any questions from councillors on the project.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve the grant request in full: Grant approved £909.90.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/11 MOTION: To consider a grant application received from Handforth Hall Tennis Club to completely relay the top court for safety reasons and make recommendation to full council Grant requested £1,000.00.

A representative from Handforth Hall Tennis Club attended the meeting to describe the project in more detail and to answer any questions from councillors on the project.

Cllr Julie Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve the grant request in full: Grant approved £1000.00.

Resolved: Unanimously.

22/01/12 MOTION: To consider a grant application received from Handforth Grange Primary School for Astrourfing of a ground area and a large swing for children with ASD and complex needs and make recommendation to full council. Grant requested: £2,167.00.

A representative from Handforth Grange Primary School attended the meeting to describe the project in more detail and to answer any questions from councillors on the project.

Cllr Moore proposed, seconded by Cllr Sullivan to approve this extraordinary amount above the current grants limit because of the special nature of the project in full: Grant approved £2,167.00.

Motion Carried: Three in favour with three abstentions.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm

CLlr Cynthia Samson
(Chair of the Finance Committee)
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