



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

27 February 2020

in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council

Present: Councillors R Nichols (Chairman), S Budd, J Adams, S Hill, J Hunt, C Johnson & P Todd

Attendees: Kath MacConnachie (Town Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and advised of the evacuation procedure.

74. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councilor Al-Hassan.

75. Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011

Councillor Budd declared an interest under agenda item 6, related to the C in the Park grant application.

76. Minutes of 30 January 2020

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of 30 January 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and these were signed by the Chairman.

77. Youth Works

Councillor Nichols expressed concern at the antisocial behaviour of youths reported by the local neighbourhood policing team at the Full Council meeting on 13 February and reported that he had recently been witness to an incident locally himself.

78. Payments

The schedule of payments was circulated in advance of the meeting. It was **Resolved** that the payments be approved and authorised for payment by the Chairman and Clerk.

79. Bank Statements & Bank Reconciliations

The Clerk presented the bank statements and reconciliations to 31 January 2020; it was **Resolved** that these be approved and they were signed by the Chairman.

80. Grants

The Committee consider the grant application from 'C in the Park' for £600 towards the provision of the C in the Park open air church service and family fun afternoon. It was **Resolved** to recommend the awarding of the grant to Full Council, with two absentions.

Action: Clerk

81. **Town Council Office maintenance and expenditure**

The Committee considered and **Resolved** to authorise the following expenditure:

- Grounds & Gardens (Brandon Trust) quote for maintenance of the council office grounds (£396.00)
- Window blind for the council office (£178.80)
- Wall mounted document display unit for the council office (£47.99)

82. **Items to report from members**

Councillor Nichols gave a short update on the meeting that had taken place with Martin Burton and the Project Manager at South Gloucestershire Council regarding the library extension and potential youth hub development. Councillor Nichols gave a brief overview of costs and the schedule. Councillor Todd noted that grant funding may be available for equipping a potential youth hub, or the outside area.

83. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 26 March 2020, 19.00, in the Council Chamber