



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

30 September 2021

Held in the Council Chamber at the Town Council office

Present: Councillors C Johnson (Chairman), S Budd, R Nichols, R Sunderland and S Hill

Absent: Councillors S Al Hassan, J Hunt and D Somers

Attendees: Kath MacConnachie (Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer)

Fin_2021.18. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hunt.

Fin_2021.19. **Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011**

There were no declarations of interest.

Fin_2021.20. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

Fin_2021.21. **Minutes of 29 July 2021**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of 29 July were an accurate record of the meeting and these were signed by the Chairman.

Fin_2021.22. **Outstanding items from these minutes**

There were no outstanding actions from these minutes.

Fin_2021.23. **Bank Statements and Bank Reconciliations for July and August 2021**

This was carried forwards to the next meeting, as information was missing from the file.

Action: Clerk

Fin_2021.24. **To authorise July payments as per the circulated schedule**

It was **Resolved** to approve the payments schedule for September.

Action: Clerk and Councillor Johnson/Nichols

Members noted the schedule of August payments, which had been approved under delegated arrangements.

Fin_2021.25. **Grant applications**

Members considered the application from **Emersons Green Village Hall (£11,700)** for a grant to fund a replacement boiler/heating system. It was **Resolved** to support 50% of this amount (£5,850). As this amount was over the delegated approval remit for the Finance Committee, this would be presented to the next Full Council meeting for approval. (*Powers: S19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976)*)

Action: Clerk

Members considered the application from **Green Community Travel (£583)** to fund a newsletter to their users. It was **Resolved** to support 50% of this amount (£291.50). (*Powers: S26-29 of the Local Government and Rating Act 1997*)

Action: Clerk

Members considered the application from **Lyde Green Community Association (£800)** to fund resin to preserve the 'Rona the Rattlesnake' community installation. It was **Resolved** to fund the full amount (£800). (*Powers: S145 of the Local Government Act 1972, s19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976)*)

Action: Clerk

Fin_2021.26. **Christmas Light Competition event**

It was **Resolved** to incur expenditure for alternative prizes for the 2021 competition winners, which were to include a full-page cover wrap in the Emersons Green Voice publication for December, and family tickets (up to 5 individuals) for the Avon Valley Railway Santa Special for both winners.

Action: Clerk

The manufacture of the winning designs was still to proceed in time for 2022 display.

Fin_2021.27. **External audit 2020/21**

Members noted the conclusion of the 2020/21 external audit, which found that the information in sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR were in accordance with Proper Practices and that there were no other matters that came to their attention to give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

It was noted that the AGAR figures had to be amended before submission for review.

Fin_2021.28. **Items to report from members**

There were no items to report.

Fin_2021.29. **Date of next meeting:** 7.00pm on Thursday 28 October, to be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Council offices