



EMERSONS GREEN  
TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

28 January 2021

Held via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions

**Present:** Councillors J Hunt (Chairman), S Budd, C Johnson, S Hill and D Somers

**Absent:** Councillor Al Hassan, R Nichols

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

155. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Al Hassan.

156. **Declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011**

There were no declarations of interest.

157. **Minutes of 17 December 2020**

It was **Resolved** that the minutes of 17 December 2021 were an accurate record of the meeting.

158. **Outstanding items from these minutes**

There were no outstanding actions from these minutes.

159. **Bank Statements & Bank Reconciliations**

Councillor Hill volunteered to carry out the outstanding reconciliations and report back to a future meeting.

**Action:** Councillor Hill and Clerk

160. **Q3 Budget Monitoring Report**

Members considered the Q3 budget monitoring report which had been circulated in advance by the Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. The Clerk noted the inclusion of forecast outturn for the full year. Income was predicted to outturn at 99% of budget and expenditure to outturn at 97% of budget.

161. **Grant application – Blackhorse Sports and Community Association (£12,500)**

The members considered the grant application which had been received from Blackhorse Sports and Community Association towards a project to provide a 4g football pitch.

It was **Resolved** to reject the application on the basis that members felt the project was not at a proceedable stage.

**162. Grant application – Rodway Rubies Women’s Institute (£14.39 per month)**

It was **Resolved** to fund a one-off payment of £200 to Rodway Rubies Women’s Institute using powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s. 19 in relation to recreation.

**163. Training and Education**

It was **Resolved** to fund the ALCA ‘Planning in Plain English’ training for any Planning Committee members who wished to attend (£40 per delegate).

It was **Resolved** to fund ALCA ‘Finance for Councillors’ training for Finance Committee members who wished to attend (£30 per delegate).

It was noted that it had been agreed by the Chairman of the council and the Clerk for three members to attend the ALCA ‘Essential Councillor Course’ (£60 per delegate) which was taking place the same evening as this meeting, in line with the Financial Regulations for emergency spending.

**164. Payments**

The meeting considered the schedule of payments for January 2021 which was circulated in advance of the meeting.

It was **Resolved** that the January payments were approved and authorised for payment by Councillor Nichols and Clerk.

**Action: Clerk and Councillor Nichols**

**165. Items to report from members**

There were no items to report from members.

**166. Date of next meeting: 1900 on Thursday 25 February 2021, by Zoom**