



**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgwater Town Council's Finance and Policy Executive Committee
held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 10:00am
in the Charter Hall, Town Hall, Bridgwater**

Present - Councillors

B Smedley - Chair

G Burrows

L Gibson

T Heywood

M Lerry

L Leavy (Deputy)

K Pearce

L Redman

In Attendance:

David Mears PSLCC – Town Clerk. There were no members of the press or public present.

FEC2019/25 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Rodrigues – work commitments. Cllr L Leavy deputising.

RESOLVED – to accept the apology and the reason given

FEC2019/26 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

None declared

FEC2019/27 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 be signed as a correct record.

FEC2019/28 Grant Support

I. To consider the application from Bridgwater Allotment Association.

RESOLVED – to award a grant of £3,000

II. To review the Youth Grant Funding process and policy and make recommendations to full Council

RESOLVED – to approve the Youth Grant Funding process and policy

FEC2019/29 Portfolio Holders – to receive written reports from portfolio holders *(if any)* (NB for information only and no decisions can be taken).

I. Civic

II. Climate Change

- III. Community
- IV. Economy and Personnel
- V. Policy and Finance and Executive
- VI. Properties, Infrastructure and Nuclear
- VII. Transport
- VIII. Youth

Oral reports were made from the above portfolio holders, with the exception of the youth portfolio

FEC2019/30 Tourism Guide 2020 – to receive an update on the production of the Visitor Guide for 2020 and to consider covering the shortfall in costs.

RESOLVED – to cover the costs of the shortfall in the production of the Visitor Guide in region of £1,615

FEC2019/31 Tree Fund – to consider a budget for the Hamp Green Rise Tree Fund.

RESOLVED – not to create a charity to manage the fund but to create a budget of £2,000 and to be held within the council's accounts.

FEC2019/32 Finance - Town Council Year 2019/20 Year to Date Budget - to review and note the budget information for the year to date as of 31 August 2019 ([Account & Audit Regulations 2015](#))

RESOLVED – to note

FEC2019/33 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for July, and August.

RESOLVED – to note

FEC2019/34 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item FEC2019/36 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOVLED – that agenda item FEC2019/36 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

FEC2019/36 Art Centre – to discuss the Freehold transfer from Sedgemoor District Council to the Town Council and the decision of the Executive of Sedgemoor District Council, to discuss options for future management arrangements and to make a recommendation to the next Full Council meeting.

RESOLVED – to recommend to full council to obtain freehold ownership and to recommend option 3 for management arrangements.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11:50am

Signed

Date