



**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgwater Town Council's Finance and Policy Executive Committee
held on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 10:00am
in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Bridgwater**

Present - Councillors

B Smedley - Chair

G Burrows

L Gibson

T Heywood

M Lerry

K Pearce

L Redman

In Attendance:

David Mears PSLCC – Town Clerk. There was one member of the public (Cllr D Rodrigues) and representatives of Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival. There were no members of the press present.

FEC2020/01 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Cllr J Cordiner who is unwell

RESOLVED – to accept the apology and approve the reason given

FEC2020/02 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)

There were no declarations of interests

FEC2020/03 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday 13 December 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on Friday 13 December 2019 be signed as a correct record

FEC2020/04 Bank Accounts – to authorise the Responsible Financial Officer to move the Council's Current, Reserve and CIL accounts from NatWest to Unity Trust Bank. Cheque signatories to remain as Council resolved with the Town Clerk in addition

RESOLVED - the Responsible Financial Officer be authorised to move the Council's Current, Reserve and CIL accounts from NatWest to Unity Trust Bank. Cheque signatories to remain as Council resolved in May 2020 with the Town Clerk in addition

FEC2020/05 Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for January 2020

RESOLVED – to note

FEC2020/06 Finance – Year to Date Budget as of 07 February 2020

RESOLVED – to note

FEC2020/07 Grant Support

I. To consider the application from Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival LTD for £1,192.00

RESOLVED – that the application be refused

FEC2020/08 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item FEC2020/09 and FEC2020/10 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

RESOLVED – that agenda items FEC2020/09 and 10 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

Cllr D Rodrigues left the meeting after being advised that as not a member of the committee he wasn't entitled to remain in the confidential session

FEC2020/09 Bristol Road– to take a decision on the land at Bristol Road (to receive the two valuation reports and correspondence from the Carnival Committee and to take a decision based on these reports and email correspondence) as delegated from Full Council.

Members of Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival left the meeting prior to councillors' discussions

RESOLVED – that this council supports BGFCC with proceeding a stage 1 feasibility study as outlined in their document received today (transforming the carnival site at Bristol road), BTC will include the access land in any possible sale subject to restrictive covenants and will jointly appoint a RICS certified valuer, but will not be bound to accept this valuation.

F&P committee agree to instruct the town clerk to undertake further investigations for the council

FEC2020/10 Staffing update

The Town Clerk provided a staffing update.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11:48am

Signed

Date