



Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgwater Town Council's Finance Committee
held on Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 11:00am
in the John Turner, Town Hall, Bridgwater

Present - Councillors

B Smedley - Chair	P Johnstone
A Glassford	M Lerry
G Granter	A Moore
T Heywood	K Pearce

In Attendance:

David Mears PSLCC – Town Clerk.

FC2019/01 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

None

FC2019/02 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)

Cllr Heywood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item #FC2019/04 as a member of the board.

FC2019/03 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 be signed as a correct record.

FC2019/04 Art Centre – to receive an update

Cllr Smedley provided an update on the current situation with the Arts Centre. The CEO has now been made redundant and other staff are now at risk.

RESOLVED – to note the update.

FC2019/05 Financial Year 2018/19 - To receive an update on current budget

The Town Clerk provided an overview of the current budget performance. The current budget is an overspend against the agreed budget.

FC2019/06 Ward Grants – to authorise the Town Clerk to approve Ward Grants received

RESOLVED – to delegate to the Town Clerk to approve ward grants for the remainder of this financial year.

FC2019/07 Practitioners' Conference – to approve funding for the Town Clerk to attend this year's Practitioners' Conference on 13 – 15 February 2019.

<https://www.slcc.co.uk/conference/practitioners-conference/18/>

RESOLVED – to approve the Town Clerk to attend Practitioners' Conference on 13 – 15 February 2019 and to cover cost. *(The Town Clerk stated that he would not claim mileage allowance).*

FC2019/08 Website – to discuss existing website arrangements and overhaul of website

RESOLVED – to approve a new website for Bridgwater Town Council. The Town Clerk will liaise with Cllr Smedley on the project.

FC2019/09 Road Cemetery – to authorise the Town Clerk to undertake the necessary preparations for the extension of the cemetery.

RESOLVED – to authorise the Town Clerk to undertake the necessary preparations for the extension of the cemetery.

FC2019/10 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item FC2019/11 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

FC2019/11 Staff in confidence - To discuss staff hours

RESLOVED – that the Town Hall Steward be paid for TOIL hours accrued. That the staff annual leave entitlement be noted.

With no further business the meeting closed at 12:11pm

Signed

Date