



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

G Granter

P Johnstone

M Lerry

A Moore

K Pearce

L Redman (Deputising)

In Attendance:

David Mears PSLCC – Town Clerk and representative of Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee.

FC2019/12 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Heywood who had a conflicting engagement.

RESOLVED – to accept the apology and to approve the reason given.

FC2019/13 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

FC2019/14 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 January 2019 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23 January 2019 be signed as a correct record.

FC2019/15 Grant Support – to consider the request from Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival Committee for a grant towards their rent of land at Bristol Road (*Deferred from Full Council Meeting 14/03/2019 - information previously emailed to Councillors*).

The representative gave an overview of the council's past support, which the BGFC committee are grateful for. Councillors received information via email from the former Town Clerk in relation to this matter.

Cllr Glassford joined the meeting at 11.04am and the representative of BGFC left the meeting at 11.06am

RESOLVED - to exclude members of the press and public 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 the grant be honoured for this financial year (2018/19), however there can be no guarantee or expectation that this will continue for the next financial year or thereafter.

The meeting went back into public session.

FC2019/16 Asset Register – to review the Council’s asset register

The Town Clerk outlined the Asset Register.

RESOLVED – to note the review of the Asset Register.

FC2019/17 Financial Year 2018/19 – to receive an update on current financial status of the Council

RESOLVED – to note the update

FC2019/18 Financial Year 2018/19 Year End Closedown – Town Clerk to outline process of the Year End Closedown.

RESOLVED – to note the Year End Closedown process and the approval of Riatlas undertaking the closedown.

FC2019/19 Membership – to approve membership of Somerset Association of Local Councils (*budget provision approved for 2019/20 budget*)

RESOLVED – to approve membership of Somerset Association of Local Councils

With no further business the meeting closed at 11:46am

Signed

Date