



**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridgwater Town Council's Finance Committee**  
**held on Wednesday 22 May 2019 at 10:00am**  
**in the John Turner, Town Hall, Bridgwater**

**Present** - Councillors

B Smedley - Chair

G Burrows

L Gibson

T Heywood

M Lerry

K Pearce

L Redman

D Rodrigues

**In Attendance:**

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

**FEC2019/01 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

There were no apologies for absence.

**FEC2019/02 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)

None.

**FEC2019/03 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2019** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 be signed as a correct record.

**FEC2019/04 Grant Support**

I. Friends of Bridgwater Docks - £500

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £500

II. ACTS - £2,500

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £2,500

III. Citizens Advice Sedgemoor - £2,500

**RESOLVED** – to award a grant of £2,500

**FEC2019/05 Ward Grants** – to give delegated authority to the Town Clerk to approve Ward Grants in conjunction with Ward Councillors. *(NB a majority of the ward councillors to support the application on three member wards or both councillors to support in two member wards. Where there is not a majority to support the application, the application will be referred back to this committee).*

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**FEC2019/06 Portfolio Holders** – to receive updates from portfolio holders *(NB for information only).*

Portfolio holders gave brief oral updates on their portfolio.

**FEC2019/07 Art Centre** – to set up a working party to advance discussions with Sedgemoor District Council and to work with the Arts Centre.

**RESOLVED** – to set up a working party to advance discussions with Sedgemoor District Council and to work with the Arts Centre with Cllrs Leavy, Lerry, Pearce and Smedley and the Town Clerk.

**FEC2019/07i Christmas Lights** – to agree to purchase new Christmas lights for Eastover

**RESOLVED** – to purchase new lights for Eastover and the Cornhill from existing supplier. Town Clerk to seek a further discount.

**FEC2019/08 To create a staffing sub-committee**

**RESOLVED** – to create a staffing sub-committee as per the terms of reference as agreed by Full Council in May. Members of the sub-committee – Cllrs Lerry, Pearce and Smedley.

**FEC2019/09 To consider options for and to resolve what to do with the remaining 2018/19 Mayors Allowance.**

**RESOLVED** – in line with the council’s financial regulations the remaining balance will not be carried over. However, the amount of £715 will be earmarked in the 2019/20 grant budget for youth projects.

**FEC2019/10 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item FEC2019/11 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**

**RESOVLED** – that agenda item FEC2019/11 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

**FEC2019/11 Cemetery SLA**

The Town Clerk and Cllr Lerry gave councillors an overview of the SLA that is in place with Sedgemoor District Council. As part of the review of the SLA and cemeteries it was agreed to request that the Cemeteries Administrator be asked to work at the Town Hall on a secondment.

With no further business the meeting closed at 11:25am

Signed .....

Date .....