



**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber .
On Wednesday 27th October 2021 at 5.30pm.**

Present: Cllr. Parker, Cllr. Allen, Cllr. Hutchings, Cllr. Kenneally, Cllr. Shepherd
In Attendance: Town Clerk (TC)
Assistant to The Town Clerk (ATTC)

1258. Apologises for absence.

Cllr. Musker

1259. Declaration of Interest

Cllr. Allen asked Councillors to declare any relevant interests as they arose.

1260. Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting Minutes

Cllr. Parker proposed that the minutes of the Meeting held on 4th August 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr. Kenneally and agreed. (Vote; 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention.)

1261. Matters Arising. - To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th August 2021 not already covered by the Agenda. For information only.

Item 1251 – The new Streetlights will not now be arriving until after Christmas. The TC will ask Cllr. Musker to chase up Staceys regarding the circular bench. TDC have received the new refuse bins which will be installed by the Maintenance Operative over the next few weeks . Four of the old bins that are in the best condition will be kept to be used elsewhere in the Park and Town. The draft design for the new Welcome to Holsworthy Signs has been sent to DCC for their comments.

1262. Accounts due for Payment and Budget Review

The TC pointed out the payment for the artificial cricket Wicket made in September and the payment for the new Goal Posts; the part funding towards the cost of the posts from the Football Foundation has been confirmed and should be received shortly. The goal posts will be delivered w/c 8th November.

Cllr. Parker proposed the accounts be paid. This was seconded by Cllr. Kenneally and agreed. (Vote; 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions).

1263. To discuss the charges for the rental of the Market Hall and Chambers for outside organisations.

After a discussion it was agreed that the price of hiring the Market Hall/Council Chambers should be kept at £15 per hour.

Cllr. Shepherd proposed that the cost of hiring the Market Hall and Council Chambers should remain at £15 per hour. This was seconded by Cllr. Hutchings and agreed. (Vote; 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention.)

1264. To give an update and authorise expenditure on the 2021 Christmas Switch On Event

The Christmas trees have arrived and are being stored ready for the Switch on Event. In response to a query raised by Cllr. Allen as to whether Charity Stalls at the Christmas Markets would be charged it was agreed that they would be charged unless they are providing food (such as the Lions). Santa's grotto will be going ahead and the matter of the presents for the children is still to be confirmed.

The sleigh will need to be examined to see if any repairs are needed to the seat etc, the Council has kindly been offered a trailer for the Sleigh, but it will need a wooden base put on. Cllr Allen's trailer used last year also needs the wooden base replaced. It was agreed that the Council pay for both the wooden bases.

Prices are still to be obtained for the Cherry picker and operator to assist in the putting up of the Christmas Lights.



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1267. To discuss and agree the grant allocations for the financial year 2021/2022

After discussion and agreement that some of the grant budget not be allocated because funds might be required later in the financial year the following grants were awarded:

Holsworthy Carnival - £800 (further grant)
Holsworthy Army Cadets - £200
Holsworthy Netball Club – £200
Holsworthy Community College PTFA - £200
Holsworthy Pre School Playgroup - £100
Black Torrington, Bradworthy, and Bridgerule Primary Schools - £100 in total
Holsworthy Explorer Scouts - £100
Holsworthy Scouts - £200
Menopause Chapter – Nil

It was agreed that the Menopause Chapter not be awarded a grant as they do not meet the criteria set by the Council as they have no Bank Account or Accounts. The TC will inform them of this and explain that the Council only give small grants.

Regarding the Black Torrington, Bradworthy and Bridgerule Primary Schools although a grant was given the TC was instructed to ask how many pupils attended from the Council's area.

Cllr. Hutchings proposed that the above grants totalling £1,900 be allocated to the agreed organisations. Cllr. Parker seconded the proposal which was carried. (Vote 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention).

Cllr. Allen declared interest in the Holsworthy Youth Centre. The Youth Centre currently receives a recurring grant from the Council but is finding it increasingly difficult to access funding therefore could the grant be reviewed? It was explained that this could be done as part of the budget process, or the Youth Centre could apply for an additional one off grant.

If all the Grant budget was not awarded in 2021/2022 then the unspent grant funds could be placed into the existing Earmarked Reserve for Grants at the end of the financial year. This would be subject to members agreement when deciding the funds to be brought forward into Reserves at the end of 2021/2022.

Signed..... *D.N. Parker*

Date *26.1.22*