



Midsomer Norton Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Lynda Robertson Town Clerk: Donna Ford PSLCC

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Operations Committee
held in the Assembly Room on
Monday 13th December 2021 at 5.30pm**

Present: Chair of Committee: Councillor Brian Lawrence

Councillors: Councillor Lynne Clement
Councillor Michael Evans
Councillor Gordon Mackay
Councillor Mike Moxham
Councillor Steve Plumley
Councillor Lynda Robertson (Mayor)
Councillor Richard Robertson
Councillor Christian Griffiths

Also Present: Town Clerk: Donna Ford
Deputy Clerk: Amanda Hazell

In Attendance: No Members of the Public

71	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Resolved: No apologies received.
72	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no Declarations of Interest.
73	<u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u> To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1. Resolved: That in view of the confidentiality of Agenda Item the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting.
74	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee held on Monday 8 th November 2021 be signed and adopted as a correct record.
75	<u>Accounts for Payment –</u> Members reviewed the Schedule(s) of Accounts for November 2021 for: (i) Purchases Under £250.00

	<p>(ii) Purchases Over £250.00</p> <p>Resolved: That the 'Schedule(s) of Accounts for Payment' for November 2021 be approved.</p>
76	<p><u>Monthly Reports</u></p> <p>Members received the Monthly Reports for November 2021.</p> <p>Resolved: That the monthly reports for November 2021 be noted with no issues arising.</p>
77	<p><u>Budget 2022/2023</u></p> <p>Members considered the budget for 2022 – 2023 and precept requirement.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to remove the budget for the public toilets. Precept request £426,645 an increase of 4.3% to be recommended to Full Council.</p>
78	<p><u>Midsomer Norton Town Council Policies</u></p> <p>Members reviewed the following Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints Procedure • Equal Opportunity Policy • Health Safety and Welfare Policy • Scheme of Delegation <p>Resolved: Yearly review completed on the policies and approved by all.</p>
79	<p><u>Garden of Friendship</u></p> <p>Members approved the update on the work at the Garden of Friendship.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to seek further design and costings for the additional work extra work at the Garden of Friendship for the next Finance and Operations Committee meeting.</p>
80	<p><u>Parking Restrictions at Gullock Tynning</u></p> <p>Members considered the parking restrictions at Gullock Tynning and any action required.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to request B&NES to paint double yellow lines on the houses side of Gullock Tynning for the whole length of the road.</p>
81	<p><u>Public Toilets</u></p>

	<p>Members considered the proposal for public toilets.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to put the proposal for public toilets on hold for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members in favour of public toilets, but the Dragonfly proposal is not the right option due to the location. • Concerns of anti-social behaviour due to the remote location away from the High Street. • Dragonfly Leisure has a sign stating the toilets can be used in the Sport Centre. • Members of the public can use the facilities in the public houses in the High Street. <p>Appropriate premises will be investigated central to the High Street or South Road car park.</p>
82	<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Members resolved to award the grant applications to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writhlington Trust Dragonfly Leisure of £3,289 • Midsomer Norton Community Band of £880
83	<p><u>Revenue Grant Application</u></p> <p>Members resolved to award the revenue grant application for financial years 2022 – 2024 to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers Market of £1,200 for 3 years.
84	<p><u>Playground and Gym Equipment Inspection Reports</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted no issues have been reported on the annual playground equipment inspections at West Clewes.</p>
85	<p><u>Marshal Tenders</u></p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the Marshal Tenders have been sent out to RS Security, Anubis and Amulet. Closing date is 31st December 2021.</p>
	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</u></p> <p>In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is likely that the press and public will be excluded during consideration of this item (Item 73 above refers)</p>

Meeting closed at 6.52pm

Signed:(Chair)

Dated: