



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 14th February 2022 at 5.30pm

Present: Chair of Committee: Councillor Brian Lawrence

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

Also Present: Deputy Clerk: Amanda Hazell
Administrator: Caroline Brown

In Attendance: No Members of the Public

86	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Resolved: No apologies received.
87	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no Declarations of Interest.
88	<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 103 the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting.
89	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved: That the Minutes of the Finance and Operations Committee held on Monday 13 th December 2021 be signed and adopted as a correct record.
90	<u>Accounts for Payment –</u> Members reviewed the Schedule(s) of Accounts for December 2021 and January 2022 for:

	<p>(i) Purchases Under £250.00 (ii) Purchases Over £250.00</p> <p>Resolved: That the 'Schedule(s) of Accounts for Payment' for December 2021 and January 2022 be approved.</p>
91	<p><u>Monthly Reports</u></p> <p>Members received the Monthly Reports for December 2021 and January 2022.</p> <p>Resolved: That the monthly reports for December 2021 and January 2022 be noted with no issues arising.</p>
92	<p><u>Pub Watch</u></p> <p>Members to reconsider their involvement with the Crime and Alcohol Partnership.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to support the local publicans, with Councillor Christian Griffiths to liaise.</p>
93	<p><u>PSPO</u></p> <p>Members to consider supporting the Police applying for a PSPO.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to send a letter of support for the PSPO.</p>
94	<p><u>Town Warden Apprentice</u></p> <p>Members to note the Town Warden Apprentice application.</p> <p>Resolved: Members noted that the apprenticeship has been extended until April 2022.</p>
95	<p><u>Midsomer Norton Community Trust – Youth Grant – Change of Use of Funds</u></p> <p>Members considered the change of use of a grant for Youth Connect Southwest.</p> <p>Resolved: Members approved the request from Midsomer Norton Community Trust to spend unspent money from their youth club provision on the health and safety issues identified at the container hub in the skate park.</p>
96	<p><u>Allotments</u></p> <p>Members considered the request for a hard standing at the allotments.</p> <p>Resolved: Members did not approve the request to build a new hard</p>

	standing area at the allotments.
97	<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Members considered the sponsorship grant application from Midsomer Norton Community Trust for the Engagement Coordinator.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to award the sponsorship grant for £2500 to Midsomer Norton Community Trust for the Engagement Coordinator.</p>
98	<p><u>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Assessment – Baseline Survey</u></p> <p>Members considered the BNG report.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved that it would be beneficial to have a meeting with Miriam Woolnough from Somer Valley Rediscovered to discuss the Somer Valley BNG Baseline Survey. Members suggested that this meeting/presentation take place at the next Full Council meeting.</p>
99	<p><u>Playground Reports</u></p> <p>Members to note the playground reports for West Clewes.</p> <p>Resolved: Members noted the reports on the play equipment at West Clewes with no issues arising.</p>
100	<p><u>Christmas Lights</u></p> <p>Members to consider the Christmas lights arrangements for 2022.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to contact both Radstock and Westfield to ascertain their previous arrangements and arrangements for this year. Members noted that there was a budget for £4000 in this years budget for Christmas lights.</p>
101	<p><u>Carnival</u></p> <p>Members to consider the request for financial support from the Carnival Association.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to financially support the Carnival and noted that the budget for this year was £10,000.</p>
102	<p><u>Easter Event</u></p> <p>Members to note the provisional Easter Event at the Town Park on Friday 15th April 2022.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to support an Easter Event and proposed the event taking place on Easter Sunday as an alternative.</p>

	<p><u>CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS</u> 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>
103	<p><u>Update on the 2021 Pay Award</u></p> <p>Members to consider the NJP pay award for 2021.</p> <p>Resolved: Members resolved to approve the pay award of 1.75% in March to be back dated to April 2021, with the agreement that, if the final award is not settled at 1.75% then alterations will be made to reflect any changes in the next available payroll.</p>

Meeting closed at 6.41pm

Signed:(Chair)

Dated:

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