



Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 15 June 2020 at 6.30 pm through Zoom video communications.

	Chairman	p	S P Davies	
	Vice-Chairman	p	D N Tungate	
Councillors:	p	G R Blunden	p	S J Clarke
	p	K Craze	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p	R A Reid	p	J G Ward
	p	M Brownsea		
In attendance:	Cllrs D Hawkins, R Murrow, D Rice-Mundy			
Officers:	G Flexman - Town Clerk			
	E Towler - Business Administrator			
	S Ramsaywack - Youth Services Manager			

The Chairman welcomed councillors and a press representative to the virtual meeting, together with 3 officers from the Town Council.

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138. APOLOGIES - none
139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - none
140. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none
141. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2020, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The minutes would be duly signed in due course.

142. MATTERS ARISING

Referring to minute 134, New Milton Hub, a road map was received from Lacey's Solicitors which will be sent out to the Working Party in due course.

Under minute 135b, it was confirmed by NMTP that, if the Xmas Event 2020 is cancelled, the funds will be rolled over to next year.

Referring to minute 136, Online Youth Nights, the Town Clerk confirmed that they have now started, with the YSM providing a fuller update under minute 151.

143. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from Victim Support, thanking the Council for £400 Grant Aid recently received towards their services.
- b) It was confirmed that £11k CIL monies from October 2019 - March 2020 was recently received from NFDC.

144. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Schedule of Payments for the period 1 - 30 April 2020, in the sum of £50,929.83, as previously distributed. The Town Clerk highlighted:

- a) Npower - Fawcetts & Ashley electricity plus Rec events Oct-Dec 2019 - £1,844.96
- b) Rejuvenate IT - Management costs April, telephones March, new laptop - £1,284.76

ENDORSEMENT:

The Schedule of Payments 01/20/21 covering the period 1 - 30 April 2020, in the sum of £50,929.83 was ENDORSED for Council approval.

145. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, Management Accounts for March 2020.

The Town Clerk confirmed an overall year end saving of £1017, per the Financial Statements.

146. MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, Management Accounts for April 2020.

Amenities had an overall saving of £12.5k and F&GP had an overall saving of £2.5k to date. Cllr Craze queried whether the impact of the last few months has been taken into account and the Town Clerk confirmed that it is planned the overall budget will cover eventualities.

147. REFERRED MATTERS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, being the Green Loop initiative, noting the need for a project plan and condition survey requiring up to £10k for this to go ahead.

Cllr Blunden explained the rationale, and Cllr Craze queried the existing footpath network and whether new routes would be introduced, but this would require land acquisition. The focus is on upgrading existing paths and cycle routes also needing development.

Cllr Hawkins noted the need for mapping and sign posting around the town.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council provide up to £10k CIL monies towards the Green Loop Project survey work.

148. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, being draft Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2020, just received from our accountants, being a fortnight later than usual.

After discussion, it was agreed that consideration of Financial Statements would be deferred until the next F&GP Committee meeting, accounting deadlines extended due to Covid-19.

149. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Chairman referred to the Final Internal Audit Report, which was delayed and not yet received. Again, the Final Report for 2019-20 would be deferred until the next F&GP meeting.

150. ANNUAL RETURN

The Chairman referred to the draft Annual Return, previously circulated, which was noted by members. Again, the Annual Return would be deferred for consideration at the next F&GP Committee meeting, noting reporting requirements had been extended until 31 August 2020.

151. YOUTH WORK

The Youth Services Manager provided a detailed update including noting events such as the Online Youth Night and Youth Mindfulness Observation Toolkit (Youth MOT), appointment of a new, replacement Senior Youth Worker due to start mid-June as well as highlighting the importance of internal communication. Members noted and thanked the YSM on her report.

152. ANY OTHER UPDATES - None153. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 27 July 2020** at 6.30 pm, location will be confirmed.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked members of the public and press for attending and closed the virtual meeting at 7.25pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillors Mrs C V Ward, Mrs J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, K Mans, F Carpenter

New Milton Police

Press

NMRA – Alan Watson