

APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Chalmers (Chairman)
Cllr Curley
Cllr Wignall
Cllr Hayes (Mayor ex Officio)
Cllr Pape (Vice Chairman)
Cllr H Potts
Cllr Anderton

Also in attendance:

Cllr Rooke
Cllr Stephenson
Cllr Connell
Cllr Hayes
Cllr K Wignall
Cllr P Davidson
Cllr M Dougherty
Cllr Hutchinson
Town Clerk

F1/01/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Potts, due to work commitments in respect of this meeting.

Clerk

F2/01/21 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Anderton in respect of item 7 Grants: ACAT Group

F3/01/21 Actions from the Previous Minutes

There were no actions from the previous minutes.

Clerk

F4/01/21 Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report in respect of this meeting.

F5/01/21 Management Accounts

The Clerk presented the Management Accounts for December 2020.

The Management Accounts were agreed and accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council

F6/01/21 Draft Budget 2021-2022

The Clerk presented an amended draft budget explaining the Moot Hall income and expenditure lines and advising the Council that financial year 2021-22 will be challenging because of on-going COVID trading/travel restrictions. The Budget includes a special marketing expenditure line designed to assist Appleby businesses move forward from COVID restrictions and increase visitor number by enhancing the visitor experience. The Clerk informed the Committee she is waiting for the 2021-22 CRS figure from EDC

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Budget be presented to the Full Council for approval.

Clerk

F7/01/21 Precept 2021-2122

The Clerk explained the precept figures in the Finance Report and advised it would be prudent to consider an increase in the precept of 5% which will mean an increase of £5.19 per year (for a Band D property). The rise reflects the investment the Council will make towards the urgent repair of the Moot Hall and recognise the need for businesses to recover from an exceedingly difficult trading year, to this end the Council have set aside a marketing/advertising budget (£1,500.00) specifically for marketing Appleby Town as a place to work, live and visit.

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee would **PROPOSED** to Council that the precept be set at 5% giving a Band D house a council tax of £108.04. The Motion was unanimously carried.

F8/01/21 Devolution

The Council discussed at length the proposition of taking on the Broadclose Toilets and other town assets. It was the unanimous decision of the Council to defer discussions until 2022 given the financial considerations ATC will have with the repair of the Moot hall and COVID restrictions. The Town is keen to engage with the devolution process but deems it is not appropriate currently. The Clerk is instructed to contact EDC.

Clerk

F9/01/21 Grant Applications

It was **RESOLVED** to grant the Great Air Ambulance £250 from the Hannah Kennington fund Proposed Cllr H Potts Seconded Cllr Pape. Unanimously agreed
It was **RESOLVED** to grant ACAT £2000 from the Hannah Kennington fund Proposed by Cllr Potts Seconded Cllr Rooke. Unanimously agreed
It was **RESOLVED** to grant Appleby Primary School £2000 from Ingram Dawson fund Proposed by Cllr Curley Seconded Cllr T Wignall. The motion was carried by 5 votes, 1 abstention and 1 against.

Clerk

F10/01/21 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

No times were raised for future agendas

Cllr
Connell

F11/01/21 Date of the Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held via Zoom on **Monday 8th February 2021 at 6.45pm.**

ALL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.48pm

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 20th January 2021**
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORISED BY THE
COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM THEIR
BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:
