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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Anderton (Chairman)
Cllr T Wignall
Cllr Hayes (arrived 6:58)
Cllr Curley

Also in Attendance:

Cllr K Wignall
Cllr Rooke
Cllr Stephenson
Cllr Connell
Cllr Dougherty
Town Clerk
Sue Gilbertson (left 7.26pm)
Paul Crosby – Crosby Granger (left 7.26)

F1/09/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chalmers, Cllr H Potts, Cllr F Potts, Cllr Davidson

F2/09/21 Declarations of Interest

No declarations submitted for this meeting

F3/09/21 Actions from the Previous Minutes

Moot Hall repairs – Paul Crosby from Crosby Granger reported on progress and presented the revised costings for the Moot Hall Repairs. The Town Clerk and finance manager presented the figures showing the cost of works and the funding of works.

The total cost of works has been adjusted to **£368,009** (to include work ineligible for grant funding from HE). Funding of works has previously been approved by Councillors is as follows:

Historic England will pay for 80% of eligible work	£238,630
Eden District Council contribution	£ 40,000
Norben Trust	£ 40,000
Appleby Town Council (Building reserves)	<u>£ 30,000</u>
	<u>£348,630</u>

The following have been identified as possible further sources of funding:

Appleby HAZ Partnership Scheme underspend	£ 10,111
ATC Building Repair Fund	9,268
	<u>£368,009</u>

The Clerk will submit a request to HAZ to release £10,111 and has asked the Committee to **RECOMMEND** to full council to release £9,268 (inc ATC contribution £1,123) from current budgeted building repairs to make the shortfall. Councillor Stephenson was given permission to speak and commented that carrying out all the necessary work now to preserve the Moot for future generations would be preferable and that using current budgeted building funds would be acceptable. The Chairman described the Moot as a very important town asset and ATC should do all it can to insure its future. Councillor Curley reminded the Committee the Council's reserves are limited and therefore ATC's contribution to the project is limited he also warned of additional unknown works that maybe uncovered during the repair and asked the Clerk what contingency plans were in place for such an event. The finance manager informed the committee that there was a £30k contingency sum factored into the cost of works. The Clerk responded that should more work be required the Council could apply to HE for a further grant and she would work with the HAZ board to look at other funding opportunities. The Clerk also reported that there would be approximately a further £80 K in the Council's reserves which could be drawn upon if absolutely necessary.

The Committee agreed to make the following recommendation to Full Council:

"The Finance Committee **RECOMMEND** that the sum of £9,268 (including 10% match funding for HAZ grant) for non-eligible works be taken from the current building repairs budget. The Committee further instructed the Clerk to put the case to the HAZ board meeting for the sum of £10,111."

ACTION

Clerk

Clerk

Councillor Curley noted disappointment with the generally low take-up of the HAZ Partnership funds. Councillor Stephenson suggested it was not for the want of trying to engage with businesses. The Clerk reported that two businesses were now going the route of applying for partnership funding from HAZ.

F4/09/21 Chairman's report

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

F05/09/21 Management Accounts

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend August's Management Accounts to Full Council

F06/09/21 Harold Spensley Fund

The Committee resolved to **RECOMMEND** the Clerk transfer the sum of £729.60 received from G Jones to the Hannah Kennington Charity 503022 to be use as agreed with the Spensley family. Proposed by Cllr Anderton, seconded by Cllr Curley

Clerk

F07/09/21 Review of Moot Hall Repairs

Paul Crosby, from Architects Crosby Granger, gave a detailed account of the cost and progress of the works. Councill Stephenson asked what colour Hall would be post repairs. PC replied that this was to be decided, the original colour of the stonework is being revealed with each layer of rough cast that was removed. The final colour of lime render to be decided.

F8/09/21 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Moot Hall repairs update
- Appleby in Westmorland Society

F09/09/21 Date of the Next Meeting

- Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in the Public Hall on **Monday 11th October at 6.45pm.**

Clerk

There being no further matters the meeting closed at 7.00pm

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 22nd September 2021**

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:
