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Finance Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 10th July 2023 at 7.50pm

Present:

Cllr Chalmers (Chair) Cllr Davidson
Cllr Heap Cllr Curley
Cllr Pape

Also in attendance:

Cllr Kemp Cllr Rooke
Cllr Mycock Cllr Swann
Cllr Railton Cllr Turnbull
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

F1/07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Anderton and Cllr Potts.

F2/07/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to report.

F3/07/23 Actions from the Previous Minutes

There were no actions from the previous minutes.

F4/07/23 Chairman's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

F5/07/23 Management Accounts

The Chair presented the Management Accounts for June 2023. Income was higher than usual with high TIC sales due to Horse Fair stock and both sets of licence fees for Fair Hill being received in June. Utilities expenditure is down because no gas or electric bills have been received for a few months; this is due to contract changeover from CCC to W&FC. Cllr Mycock pointed out that there appeared to be a couple of changes made to the management accounts presented this month, that were different from the previous two months. The Clerk wasn't aware of these, but explained it was probably a formula error, which has corrected itself in this month's accounts. The Committee were asked to email the Clerk with any questions they had about the accounts prior to the Committee meeting.

The Management Accounts for June 2023 were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

F6/07/23 Public Hall Running Costs

A spreadsheet has been produced showing the cost of running the Public Hall. The breakdown showed the Public Hall ran at a loss last year of approx £500 per month. The Clerk reported that all running costs in respect of the Public Hall were reviewed regularly to ensure value for money and that hire income for last year had been 66% higher than anticipated because of increased usage and an increase in hire charges for some users. Cllr Chalmers asked Councillors if they were happy to subsidise the running of the Public Hall to this extent and Cllr Pape highlighted that we should not outprice use of the hall. It was agreed that this was a valuable service to the community.

Cllr Davidson enquired about the progress of registering the Moot Hall for a wedding premises license, which was linked with the idea of using the Public Hall for receptions. The Clerk reported the application had not been submitted as yet, due to the old Council not taking on any new applications and also because work to the Moot Hall was not quite complete. However, as soon as the decoration work is completed, it will be sent to W&F Council.

Cllr Railton advised that a couple of times he had used the Public Hall the heating had been too hot. The Clerk reported that this had been brought to their attention and the electrician had made some adjustments to the thermostat, which hopefully should solve this issue. Cllr Chalmers also commented that the refurbishment of the Cricket Club may have adversely affected use of the Public Hall. It is hoped that this financial year the Public Hall building repairs can be a focus.

F7/07/23 Hannah Kennington and Ingram Dawson Charity Accounts

It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Curley was added as Trustee and Signatory to the Ingram Dawson Trust.

It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Davidson was added as Trustee and Signatory to the Hannah Kennington Trust.

Two grant applications have been received to be considered. It was agreed to recommend the Trustees to agree the following grants:

- £3,000 from the Hannah Kennington Trust to go towards the Platinum Playground fund.
- £1,000 from the Ingram Dawson Trust for Appleby Town Council, to go towards installation of the cast iron fingerposts and tourism notice boards

F8/07/23 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

F9/07/23 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on **Monday 11th September 2023** at **7.15pm** or at the rising of the Planning & GP Committee in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.24pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 19th July 2023**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Committee to sign these minutes, to confirm they're being a true and accurate record:

Cllr Chalmers
