

**Tiverton Town Council**

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall on Monday 14th March 2022, commencing at 6.15pm**Present:** Cllrs, S Griggs, S Bush, C Harrower, B Holdman, S Pugh, T Lindus.**In Attendance:** Town Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs J Hubbard.

Not present: Cllr C Daw.

Part A

It was noted that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of the minutes only.

189	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr N Davey (away), Cllr I Hill (sick), Cllr J Rendle (family), Cllr D Knowles (personal), Cllr A Perris (work), Cllr W Burke (work), Resolved to accept these apologies.
190	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting.
191	Items to be Taken in Part B The Town Clerk had not recommended that any items on the agenda this evening be taken in Part B, therefore the whole meeting would be open to the public and the press
192	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 22 nd November 2021 were agreed as a true record.
193	Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item There were no matters arising.
194	Democratic Period No members of public in attendance.
195	Finance Reports a) The balance sheet as of the 28 th February 2022. All resolved to accept. b) The income and expenditure reports for January and February 2022. All resolved to accept. c) The list of payments made during the months of January and February 2022. All resolved to accept.
196	Edward 7th Statue The assistant to the town clerk Mrs J Hubbard read out a report on the three quotations that had been received for the cleaning of the statue. She drew the members attention to

the fact that the quotes were obtained in September 2021 so could be subject to increases. It was agreed to go with option 3 quotation at a cost of £3,300 + VAT. The members advised that the adjacent tree be trimmed back if possible before cleaning commenced as this was causing algae build up on the statue.

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Policies

To endorse a number of policies sent to members

- a) Allowances & subsistence
- b) Complaints
- c) Discipline & Capability
- d) Health & Safety
- e) Anti-Fraud & Corruption
- f) Equality & Diversity
- g) Internet & Email
- h) Community Engagement
- i) Delegated Powers
- j) Grant Awarding
- k) Investment Strategy
- l) Appraisal
- m) Data Protection

All agreed to accept the proposed policies.

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Town Hall Pigeon Problem: To receive quotations for work to reduce this health hazard problem.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk Mrs Hubbard read out her report on the three quotations received for the proposed bird deterrent measures for the Town Hall building.

The quotations received were varied in terms of the bird deterrent solutions recommended and price bracket.

All three contractors said that as long as there was a regular food source it would be difficult to completely eradicate the pigeons from the building.

The members asked if more could be done to discourage the feeding of pigeons in Fore Street.

The Town Clerk said that the office had contacted MDDC's environment department and was now liaising with one of their officers to monitor the issue.

It was agreed to go with option 1 which offered a budget solution at a cost of £1,795.

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Grant Applications: To decide on the allocation of grants.

The Town Clerk informed the members of the grant applications received. The requested amounts came to a total of £10,000, the budget allowance allocated for grants was £5,000.

The following amounts were agreed as listed below:

GRANTS AWARDED 2022

VIP Club	Vital service to visually impaired people	£200
Mid Devon Mobility	Transport services	£500
Citizen Advice	Free service to people on range of issues	£2,000
CHAT	Valuable service to those with financial difficulties	£1,000
Museum	Good tourist venue	£500

	Tourist Information	Information	£500
	Tiverton Bowling Club	Contribute to lawn aerator	£300
		Total amount awarded	£5,000
200	Next Meeting Monday 23 rd May 2022 at 6.15pm		