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**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held in the Mayoralty Room of the Town Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's D Knowles (Chairman), J Blagg, W Burke, A Bush, C Daw, S Griggs, C Harrower, I Hill, B Holdman, T Lindus, A Perris, J Rendle and C Slade.

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk, Cllr L Cruwys, Cllr D Garcia and one member of the press. Mr Andrew Busby (MDDC) in attendance for agenda item 075.

<b>071</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Cllr's S Bush (work) and Cllr S Rakobane (sickness). Agreed to accept these apologies. A late apology from Cllr N Davey was received by email.
<b>072</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No Declarations under the Code of Conduct were made
<b>073</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 were agreed as a true record.
<b>074</b>	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item</b> Nil
<b>075</b>	<b>Playground Contributions</b> Andy Busby had forwarded a detailed report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report outlined the 26 play areas and provided information on the expenditure at these locations. It was noted that funding from town and parish councils had been implemented following a cabinet meeting on the 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015. The present contribution from TTC was £17k a year. This figure had been included in the 2020/21 budget. Andy explained that where possible S106 funding was used to replace end of life equipment, however this could not be used for general repairs. Pressure washing of equipment had been found to be very effective. He made the point that closing a play area was a last resort. MDDC were very grateful for the continued financial support of Tiverton Town Council. Andy agreed that MDDC would once again carry out a survey of usage of each site. Cllr Cruwys stated that Colesmead was well used. There was a question as to why the shelter in People's Park had been included in play equipment expenditure. It was felt that Ashley Rise was not that well used. Andy would investigate usage of this site. Members were pleased with the improvements made at People's Park but wondered if more facilities could be provided for the older children. It was felt that Cudmore Park was not used that often, and would be investigated. There was a question as to how damage to equipment can be reported. Andy stated that this could be done on line. Cllr Perris stated that he was surprised at the amount of funding that this council gives to MDDC and asked when this was reviewed. [TC1]The town clerk explained that that would have been part of the budget process which was concluded in December. Cllr Rendell asked what this implications would

	<p>be if the town council withdrew this funding. Andy replied that there would need to be a review of facilities, and that it would probably result in a number of sites having to be closed. There was then a question of tree planting. Andy stated that this was being looked into with suitable areas being identified. The meeting thanked Andy for attended and agreed to accept his report.</p>
<b>076</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> No items raised.</p>
<b>077</b>	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Balance Sheets of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was agreed</li> <li>b) January 2019 income and expenditure report agreed</li> <li>c) Payments for January 2020 were agreed</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Perris asked a question on general reserves. This information is shown on the balance sheet each month. The website shows the figure at the end of the previous financial year.</p>
<b>078</b>	<p><b>Grants Working Party</b> The working party would consist of Cllr's Burke, Rendle, Holdman , Knowles and Lindus. They will report back to the March meeting.</p>
<b>079</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.30pm</p>

Signed -----

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