



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 22nd November 2021, commencing at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr's N Davey (Chairman), W Burke, S Bush, N Davey, S Griggs, C harrower, I Hill, B Holdman, D Knowles, T Lindus, A Perris, J Rendle and S Pugh.

In Attendance: Town Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and one member of the press.

Part A

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

180	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr C Daw (meeting) and Cllr J Blagg (unwell). Resolved to accept these apologies.
181	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting.
182	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
183	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 th September 2021 were agreed as a true record.
184	Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item Cllr Hill asked if there had been any progress regarding obtaining quotations for the cleaning of the statue. The town clerk informed her that we had now managed to obtain some quotations which would be presented at the next meeting.
185	Democratic Period No items raised
186	Finance Reports a) The balance sheet as of the 31 st October 2021 was accepted. There was a question regarding the amount of reserves held by the council which was answered by the clerk. He explained that this was a decision for the council but there should always be sufficient funds to cover any non-budgeted emergency and loss of revenue due to items like Covid-19. b) The income and expenditure report for September and October 2021 was accepted. c) The list of payments made during the months of September and October 2021 was agreed. There was a question regarding the high cost of sewerage repair on the path by the New Hall and it was noted that 50% of that cost had been paid by the Constitutional Club.

<p>187</p>	<p>Budget and Precept 2022</p> <p>Members went through the draft budget document that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The chairman informed the meeting that he had met with the town clerk prior to the meeting and had suggested that the provisional figure for CCTV be reduced from £25k to £10K. Members agreed to insert £10k into outdoor projects maintenance. A motion by Cllr S Bush to increase the grant allocation from £5k to £10K was defeated. Cllr I Hill had pointed out that at the last meeting the £5k ceiling had been agreed. Members noted that at the council meeting scheduled for next week there was a proposal for the town council to take over the running of the Town CCTV from MDDC and also to employ a Town Centre Manager. The town clerk informed the meeting that the running costs for both of these proposals had been included in the draft budget. He also explained that the D rate collection formula provided by MDDC showed a collection increase of 347, which would produce an additional £22,110 of revenue. Cllr A Perris commented that he felt the format of the budget was difficult to follow. Cllr B Holdman asked if there were any funds for Climate Change and was directed to the £1k allocation towards the rear of the document. The original draft budget would have required a precept demand of £464,732, a D rate of £63.72; which would be a 1% increase. Following the alterations suggested by the meeting the precept demand would be £459,732, which would mean a D rate of £63.04; and increase of 10p for the year, which would result in a 0% increase. It was agreed to await the outcome of the presentation by MDDC and the decision of the Town Centre Manager before making a recommendation to council.</p>
<p>188</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 10th January 2022 at 6.15pm</p>