



Tiverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held virtually on the 12th October 2020, commencing at 6pm.

Present: Cllr's D Knowles (Chairman), J Blagg,, W Burke, A Bush, N Davey, C Daw, S Griggs, C Harrower, I Hill, T Lindus, A Perris, J Rendel and C Slade

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

Non Attendance: Cllr S Bush

The Council agreed for the recording of the meeting for purposes of minute taking.

112	Apologies An apology had been received from Councillor B Holman due to sickness. This apology was accepted
113	Declarations of Interest Cllr C Slade –Grants- Tiverton Museum/TIC and Adventure Playground Cllr D Knowles- Grants-Tiverton Museum/TIC and Adventure Playground Cllr N Davey- Grants-Adventure Playground
114	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 th September 2020 were agreed as a true record.
115	Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item Nil
116	Democratic Period The town clerk informed the meeting that he had not received any questions from members of the public for this meeting.
117	Financial Reports a) Balance Sheet as at 30 th September adopted b) Income and Expenditure for September 2020 was accepted c) Payments for September Agreed
118	Grants Allocation 2020/21 Following the request by Full Council the clerk had prepared a list of essential grant payments for the next financial year which had been prepared in light of the extreme loss of revenue being experienced by the town council as a result of Covid-19. Resolved that only the following grants will be paid for the financial year commencing 1st April 2021:

VIP Club	Vital service to visually impaired people	£50
Mid Devon Messenger	Audio service for blind people	£300
Citizen Advice	Free service to people on range of issues	£1,000
AGE UK	Service to persons over 55	£500
CHAT	Valuable service to those with financial difficulties	£1,000
UNITE	Assists young carers	£500
Museum	Good tourist venue	£500
Tourist Information	Information	£500
Adventure Playground	Valuable asset for children	£400
Involve		£250
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Street Marshal/Warden

At the request of Full Council the town clerk had prepared a detailed report of the scope and duties of employing a Street Marshal in the town centre on certain peak times of selected busy days. The proposed post would be on a short term contract until the end of the financial year and would be funded from funds provided to the town council by the district council. A number of councillors spoke against employing a marshal stating that they did not feel that the position was warranted, and that they felt there were very few social distancing issues in the town. Some felt that if someone was employed it would be better having them in the evening rather than the daytime. Cllr Perris felt the money could be better used. Cllr Slade made the point to the meeting that all councillors had been asked to provide ideas for spending the £5k provided to the council for town centre regeneration during the Covid-19 crisis, but that he had been the only one who had come up with any ideas, which was to use the TIC to advertise the town. This idea had been implemented. Cllr Daw made the point that there were problems with people going the wrong way in the one-way pedestrian system. **Members agreed not to employ a Street Marshal**

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Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.35pm

Next meeting Monday 9th November 2020 at 6pm

Signed

Date
