

**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 13th September 2021, commencing at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr's N Davey (Chairman), W Burke, S Bush, N Davey, C Daw, 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).

Part A

166	Apologies There were no apologies for absence.
167	Election of Chairman Councillor N Davey was elected as chairman. He thanked the members for electing him and paid tribute to the previous chairman, Councillor D Knowles, who had held the position for a number of years.
168	Election of Vice-chairman There were two nominations for this position, Councillor D Knowles and Councillor I Hill. Councillor I Hill was elected.
169	Declarations of Interest Cllr J Blagg made a personal declaration of interest in respect of a letter from a bowling club requesting funds, for which she was a member.
170	Items to be Taken in Part B The town clerk recommended that item 8 (d) be taken in part B because the naming of an organisation in public could be contrary to GDPR, therefore the 1960 Admission to Meetings Act should be used. The meeting agreed to his recommendation
171	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 th April 2021 were agreed as a true record.
172	Matters arising from the Minutes that are not an agenda item Nil
173	Democratic Period No items raised
174	Finance Reports a) The balance sheet as of the 31 st August 2021 was accepted b) The income and expenditure report for July and August 2021 was accepted c) The list of payments made during the months of July and August 2021 was agreed. d) Debtor: This items was dealt with in Part B of the meeting

175	<p>Request for a Grant for Tiverton Bowling club</p> <p>The town clerk read out a letter received from the Tiverton Bowling Club on non-headed paper. They wished to purchase a lawn aerator at the cost of £2,226; and had recently purchased a spiker cassette at a cost of £1,200. After some debate it was unanimously agreed that they would need to apply for a grant in the normal manner, where it would then be considered providing the necessary paperwork was provided.</p>
176	<p>Grant Ceiling Level</p> <p>The town clerk informed the meeting that the ceiling level for grants for 2021/22 had been set at £5,000 due to a severe downturn in revenue caused by Covid-19. It was proposed that the same ceiling level be applied for 2022/23, that of £5k. All applications would need to be made on the application form which was on the council's website. The proposal that the limit remained at £5k was carried. Applications can be submitted via email or through the post, with each application being judged on its own merit.</p>
177	<p>King Edward V11 Statue</p> <p>The statue was in need of cleaning due to residue from the trees behind it. The town clerk stated that it had been cleaned a few years ago, but was now in need of attention. As it was made of marble and a listed item it needed specialist treatment. The company who had undertaken the work last time were no longer active and he reported that it was proving difficult to find a suitable contractor to undertake the works. There was however a need to have some works done to the trees to prevent staining in the future. Agreed that the town clerk would investigate who was responsible for the trees and try and get them dealt with before works were undertaken on the statue. He would report back to this meeting when quotations were available.</p>
178	<p>Part B Item Debtors</p> <p>Resolved that under the Admission to Meetings Act of 1960 the public, including the press be excluded from this meeting because of the confidential details to be discussed.</p>
179	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 8th November 2021 at 6.15pm</p>