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BARTON-UPON-HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING
held via a ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING on
MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2021 at 6pm

Councillor J Vickers (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Oxley, J Evison, A Todd, N Jacques

Also, Ms T Broughton (Town Clerk) and Mrs C Bramley (Deputy Clerk), Cllr A Chapman and Cllr Mrs A Clark

220. **Election of Chairman**

Vice-Chairman welcomed members to the Committee. She introduced the first item.

AGREED

Proposed Cllr J Evison, Seconded Cllr J Oxley

Elected Cllr J Vickers as Chairman on Finance & General Purposes Committee
Unanimous

221. **Apologies for Absence**

None Received.

222. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N Jacques personal interest in Barton Tourism Partnership

Cllr A Todd personal interest in the Bike Night

Cllr A Chapman personal interest in Bike Night and Barton Lions

Cllr J Evison personal interest in Bike Night

Cllr J Vickers personal interest in Friends of Baysgarth Park, Barton Tourism Partnership and Champ.

223. **Minutes of Meeting held on the 19 October 2020 approved and confirmed as a correct record at a meeting of the town council held on 4th November 2020**

It was noted that these minutes had been signed as a correct record, for action as necessary, at an ordinary meeting of the town council held on 4 November 2020.

224. **Matters Arising**

No Matters arising.

225. **To consider the following matters:**

a) **Audit provision of the Town Council – internal audit update**

Town Clerk stated that the final audit check was due soon and it is anticipated that this will take place remotely. Further updates will be given prior to the end of the year accounts close down.

b) **Review of Risk Assessments**

Town Clerk stated that the Risk Assessments are undergoing a review and will be presented to the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 19th April for approval.

c) **2020/2021 budget – quarter three detailed income and expenditure**

Chairman stated the reports have been supplied to members prior to meetings. Town Clerk did not have any issues to highlight. No comments received from members who were happy with the quarter three detailed income and expenditure report.

Chairman welcomed Cllr N Jacques to the committee.

d) **2021/2022 budget and precept discussion and recommendations to Full Council**

Town Clerk explained the figures and calculations with regards to receipt of the precept calculations and council tax base received from North Lincolnshire Council.

One member questioned whether the tax base reflects the difference in the number of houses in the town.

EMR St Mary's Town Clock – this should be Town Clock and requires amendment.

One member requested an increase in EMR for the Assembly Rooms. Chairman stated that this was going to be brought up tonight. It was suggested an additional £40K be ear marked for the repair and renovation of the Assembly Rooms. There was concern this would not be enough, however it was felt that this amount would be a good start and the project would be carried out over a three to five year period. It was also suggested to employ a surveyor to look at the Northern Gable of the building.

AGREED Cllr J Vickers proposed, Cllr A Todd seconded

To Ear Mark and additional £40K from General Reserves to Assembly Rooms repair and renovation 2021

Unanimous

One member stated that after a meeting of the Derelict Buildings in Barton and 51 Fleetgate was discussed. This building is owned by North Lincolnshire Council and there are some problems with funding by North Lincolnshire Council. This has been allocated as a Ward Priority. It was suggested an amount of £1000 to be placed in Ear Marked Reserves for a survey of 51 Fleetgate.

One member asked if the building was structurally unsafe and the first floor ceiling is not safe. There is a lack of funds for a survey and Civic Society has been asked to help fund this work.

Town Clerk stated that the Town Council cannot fund responsibilities of another authority and would have to be funded through GPC if the Town Council would like to take this further. Chairman stated that it would be worth making further enquiries as to what is happening with the building as funds can be ear marked at a later date.

It was suggested that a proposal can be discussed at Full Town Council to look at offering support for North Lincolnshire Council in gaining additional funding for the repairs of the building. It was suggested that English Heritage may grant funding for 51 Fleetgate and support from the Town Council will help with outside grant funding.

AGREED Proposed Cllr J Vickers, seconded Cllr J Evison

To recommend to Full Council to request a precept of £160,679.00 which will be in addition to the Indicative Community Partnership Funding 2021/22 of £6102 and will result in a Band D property council tax to be approximately £44.09 per year.

Unanimous.

Chairman thanked the Town Council staff for putting together all the budget work. Chairman thanked committee members for great work in creating a budget that facilitates all the work that members are passionate about and keeping the precept at a level that reflects the terrible year that everyone has had so far due to the impact of the pandemic.

The Chairman, Councillor J Vickers closed the meeting at 18.20

.....Chairman

18 January 2021