

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held online via Zoom on Monday 12 April 2021 on the rising of the Planning Committee.

Meeting commenced at 7.09pm.

PRESENT

Cllr D J Hayward (Chairman)
Cllr M C Hilliar (Town Mayor)
Cllr R D Sherriff (Deputy Town Mayor)
Cllr H L Riddell
Cllr Mrs C A Sismore-Hunt
Cllr G Turner

Town Clerk: Mrs J E Vanstone

Others Present: Cllr Mrs L D Evans

20.338 Public Speaking Time

No Members of the public were present.

20.339 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

20.340 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8 February 2021 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

20.341 Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Cllr D J Hayward thanked Members for electing him as Chairman and giving him the opportunity to gain a very much clearer understanding of the workings of the Town Council's finances. Although he had learned many lessons, he felt there was still much more to learn, and by continuing to work as a team the stability of the Council's finances will be secured. 2020 had been a very strange year and he had focused primarily on balancing the books and protecting the reserves. This had been achieved to a point with only a deficit of £14,144 on the budget figures. Taking into consideration what had been achieved over the year he felt it was "Job Well Done"! The finances were stable at start of the new financial year and that could only be a benefit for the Town in more ways than one. The Council would need to be focusing on those in need as they will always be a priority and an area not to be forgotten, as some due to this period of uncertainty will need more assistance than that of others, and it was for the Council to make sure that support was given correctly. 2021/22 must be a year of careful planning, care being the operative word.

20.342 Income and Expenditure 2020/21

The figures for the Financial Year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 plus the bank reconciliations to 31 March 2021 had been circulated prior to the Meeting.

The information was noted and no queries were raised.

20.343 Grant Funding

The following documents, which will be used when considering applications for Grant Funding, had been circulated in draft form prior to the Meeting:

- Application Checklist (*for internal use only*)
- Terms and Conditions (*to appear on the Council's website*)

It was

Resolved: Both documents should be adopted with no alterations.

20.344 Any other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

No other business was raised.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.16pm.

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Chairman

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