

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 1 September 2022 at 7.20pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: B. Chapman, M. Erwin, R. Hughes (Chairman), T. Manton, I. Nellins, N. Roberts and M. Whittle.

ABSENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, and G. Chevins.

No members of the public were present and 2 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

In Attendance: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor R. Aldcroft	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor Mrs J. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Prior Appointment
Councillor G. Chevins	-	Prior Appointment

2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3.FG PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4.FG MINUTES

Councillor Whittle proposed, Councillor Chapman seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To approve the minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 16 June 2022.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Roberts seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To approve the minutes of an Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 30 June 2022.

5.FG GRANTS

Small Grants

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

i. Hodnet Seniors Luncheon Club

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Manton seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 vote against:

To not award a small grant of £300 to Hodnet Seniors Luncheon Club because it does not fulfil the small grants criteria.

A letter explaining this to be sent to the club.

ii. Market Drayton Churches Together

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Manton seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To award a small grant of £300 to Market Drayton Churches Together to help with the school uniform hub.

iii. Market Drayton Pezenas Twinning Association

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To defer the request of a small grant of £300 to Market Drayton Pezenas Twinning Association due to the activities being held in the next financial year.

A letter explaining this to be sent to the association.

iv. Market Drayton Climate Action

After a discussion:

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To award a small grant of £300 to Market Drayton Climate Action to help towards purchasing display materials and printing costs for information leaflets to raise awareness of climate change within the community.

v. Hope House Children's Hospices

After a discussion:

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED**:

To award a small grant of £300 to Hope House Children's Hospice to help with the costs of nursing care for children and young people within the community.

Large Grants

Members **NOTED** the large grant scheme is closed as the budget has been allocated.

6.FG TOWN HALL

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

- i. The Chairman reported the Chamber ceiling is now complete and asked members to consider the three quotes from local decorating companies to re-decorate the room.

After a discussion:

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was

RESOLVED:

To accept Quote A for re-painting the Chamber at a cost of £595.00.

- ii. The Chairman explained the current supplier who maintains the boiler no longer cover commercial premises; several companies have been contacted to quote for a new boiler at the Town Hall but have declined.

Members discussed the one quote received from a local company.

After a discussion:

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Roberts seconded and it was

RESOLVED:

- **To accept the quote for a new boiler to be installed at the Town Hall at a cost of £4,380.**
- **To agree to move £4,380 from Town Hall Earmarked Reserves to cover the costs.**

7.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

There were no comments made by members.

Councillor Manton proposed, Councillor Roberts seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the income and expenditure report from:

1 June 2022 – 31 July 2022.

8.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

The monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off as of Section 2.2 of the Financial Regulations.

Letters have been sent to organisations requesting feedback and an update on how the allocated grant money has been spent.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 