

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 7.35pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, A. Allen, B. Chapman, G. Chevins, M. Erwin, T. Manton, I. Nellins, and M. Whittle (Chairman).

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, R. Hughes, and N. Roberts.

1 member 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.

Due to the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk asked for nominations for a Chairman for the meeting.

Councillor Aldcroft nominated Councillor Whittle to be Chairman.

Councillor Allen seconded Councillor Aldcroft's proposal.

There were no more nominees.

It was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

For Councillor Whittle to be the Chairman for this meeting.

1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

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| Councillor Mrs J. Beckett | - | Prior Appointment |
| Councillor T. Beckett | - | Concerns about Councillors behaviour |
| Councillor R. Hughes | - | Prior Appointment |
| Councillor N. Roberts | - | Working |

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

To approve the minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 24 March 2022.

5.FG GRANTS**Small Grants**

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting and the Clerk read out each application for members to consider.

Councillor Aldcroft declared an interest in the Market Drayton Methodist Church application.

After a discussion:

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

To agree the following small grant application:

	Organisation	Requested Amount £	To Fund
i)	Market Drayton Community Enterprise	£300	Venue hires for Hosting three festivals in 2022
ii)	Market Drayton Men's Shed	£300	Towards electrical bills and running costs
iii)	Market Drayton Methodist Church	£300	Running costs and decals of artwork on the double decker bus
iv)	Market Drayton Community Car	£300	Running costs
v)	Age UK Day Centre	£300	Running costs
vi)	Dig4Veterans	£300	Tools, storage, wood, equipment, and seeds
vii)	East Shropshire Talking Newspaper for visually impaired	£300	Venue hire costs (28 people receive memory sticks of recordings within the town)

To write out to the organisations requesting feedback and an update on how they have spent the small grant.

Large Grants

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk reported that she has had a meeting with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Assistant Clerk to look through the large grants.

There is £14,000 in budget; requests received total £33,235; suggestions for funding allocation have been made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman for members to consider.

Two further applications have been received since the agenda has been sent out; members will consider these at a later date.

After an in-depth discussion:

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

To defer making a decision on the large grants at this meeting.

To write out to selected applicants requesting further information and documents are submitted within seven days.

To hold an Extraordinary Finance and General Purposes Committee on 30 June 2022 to consider the large grant applications.

6.FG BUDGET 2022/23

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

Members **NOTED** the budget for 2022/23.

7.FG ASSET REGISTER 2022/23

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

No questions were asked.

Councillor Allen proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the Asset Register for 2022/23.

8.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

Documents were circulated prior to the meeting.

i) There were no comments made by members.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report from:

1 March 2022 – 31 March 2022.

ii) There were no comments made by members.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report from:

1 April 2022 – 31 May 2022.

9.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- Chamber Alterations – The alterations to the chamber have been completed.
- Storage and Welfare Facility for outside staff – A new roof is being put on the units during the first two weeks of July after which the toilet and kitchen area will be installed.
- Insurance – The Town Councils Insurance policies have been renewed with a slight increase of £314.44.

The meeting concluded at 8.07 p.m.

Signed: 

Date: 1 / 9 / 2022