

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD ONLINE
VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 1st March 2021 AT 5.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor J Lloyd (Mayor),
Councillors M Barr, D Bradley, A Govier, M Lithgow, McGuffie, S
Pringle-Kosikowsky, V Stock-Williams, J Thorne

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors C Booth, N Smith
David Farrow (Town Clerk), Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk), Alice Kendall
(Deputy RFO & Assistant Clerk)
1 Member of the public

209 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from members of the committee.

210 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lloyd declared a personal interest relating to payments to MTMIT on item 6b, being a former customer of the Council's IT consultant.

Councillor Thorne declared personal interests relating to the following payments on item 6b;

- MTM IT, being a personal friend of the Council's IT Consultant
- J Alway as the business partner of his daughter.

Councillor Govier declared a personal interest relating to payments to MTMIT on item 6b, being a customer of the Council's IT consultant.

It was agreed that these interests relating to MTM IT would be added to the agenda as a standing declaration.

Councillor Booth declared a personal interest in item 4a as a member of the SWT Community Chest panel.

Councillor Barr declared an interest in item 4a as a member of the committee of the Rockwell Green War Memorial Institute Club. He informed the meeting that he will take part in discussion but would abstain from the vote.

211 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and formally adopt the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 1st March 2021.

212 TO REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS

(a) Rockwell Green War Memorial Institute Club

The Club has applied for a grant of £5,000 for a kitchen refurbishment project. The application and supporting papers were circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting. Since submitting the documents, the Club had also successfully applied to the Community Chest fund at SWT. As requested at previous meetings, further information had also been circulated by email.

The Mayor suspended standing orders to allow a representative from the Club to answer questions from Councillors. Standing orders were re-instated.

After some discussion, it was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that a grant of £3,000 be awarded.

At this juncture, Councillors Lithgow and Smith joined the meeting.

(b) Grants Summary

Grants paid to date as listed below were noted.

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| | £ |
| Wellington Museum | 500.00 |
| Angels of Hope (St John the Baptist) | 3,000.00 |
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| Total to date | £ 3,500.00 |

213 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

A paper was attached to the agenda with details and quotations for the appointment of a new internal auditor.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that Kevin Rose of IAC be appointed as Internal Auditor on a 3 year basis.

214 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation as at 22nd February 2021

Councillor Lloyd left the meeting due to poor connection. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Lithgow took the Chair.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1ST JANUARY – 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the income and expenditure.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR TO DATE AS AT 22ND FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the income and expenditure as at 22nd February 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

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Councillor Janet Lloyd Mayor