

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021 AT 4.30 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow (Town Clerk), Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy RFO & Assistant Clerk)
1 member of the public and 1 member of the press

270 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bradley and Pringle-Kosikowsky.

271 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Govier and Lloyd have a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being a former customer of the company.

Councillor Thorne has a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being a personal friend of the company owner. He also declared a personal interest for agenda item 6b (receipt number 5) as a payment had been received from his daughter as a hirer of the Pop Up Shop.

272 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and formally adopt the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 12 April 2021.

273 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No written submissions had been received but a representative of the grant applicant was present if Councillors wanted to ask questions.

274 GRANTS

(a) Citizen's Advice Taunton

Citizen's Advice Taunton had submitted an application for a grant of £4,850 to continue delivery of their advice service covering a number of issues (benefits, debt, housing, employment). The application was circulated to Councillors by e-mail. *Officer's note: a specific heading was added to the 2021-22 budget for an SLA with CAB in the amount of £5,000.*

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that a grant of £5,000 be awarded for 2021/22 and that an SLA be drawn up to secure funding for a further two years.

(b) Grants Summary

Grants paid in the 2021-22 year listed below were noted.

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| | £ |
| Wellington Mills CIC | 2,500.00 |
| Transition Town Wellington | 1,446.17 |
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| Total | £ 3,946.17 |

275 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 26 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation as at 26 April 2021

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1 – 26 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the income and expenditure.

Councillor Thorne asked why there were two codes relating to the Pop Up Shop. The Deputy RFO explained that some entries had carried over from the previous year which used a different coding system and that she was currently in the process of re-drafting the coding. Next months reports should be much more streamlined.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR AS AT 26 APRIL 2021

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report as at 26 April 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.00 pm.

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Councillor Janet Lloyd Mayor