

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY 2021 VIA MS TEAMS.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr M Beanland

Cllrs: L A Clarke, S Lees, P Oakes, L Podmore, Mrs J Saunders, M Sewart and Mrs N Wylie

Officers in attendance: Haf Barlow (Town Clerk), Kate McDowell (Deputy) and T Juss (Minute Taker)

51. Anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making, or intend to make, an audio recording and/or film the meeting

The shorthand assistant confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purposes of minute taking and the recording is deleted when draft minutes are agreed.

There were no other declarations of a recording of the meeting.

52. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

53. Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Belcher and T Swatridge

54. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests.

55. Approve as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th December 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 7th December 2020 subject to a minor typographical amendment are as an accurate record approved (NC)

56. Receive a report from the Deputy Clerk on the charging structure for the NHS Vaccine Hub and to agree the charges

The different options set out in the report were outlined by the Clerk. The Clerk also reported that the Deputy Clerk had undertaken research on what other Town and Parish Councils were charging the NHS for exclusive use.

Councillors discussed the options including possible discounts and charges made by other Town and Parish Councils. It was noted that the running costs for the Civic Hall were approximately £1,000-£1,500 per month. Councillors discussed not charging for December and offering a discount of 25% or 40%. The Clerk confirmed that the total charge for December to end March, with no charges for December, charges for the Main Hall and green room and a 25% discount will be approximately £23,091.

**RESOLVED: That the NHS should be charged for hiring the Civic Hall (NC)
That there should be no charge for December (NC)
The charges should be for rooms being used main hall and green room only (NC)
A discount of 25% should be offered (5 for, 2 against and 1 abstention)**

57. Any communication messages arising from this meeting.

RESOLVED: That there was no communication message arising from this meeting was agreed (NC)

Meeting end time: 7.30pm

Chair.....

Dated.....