

BERKHAMSTED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Held via 'Zoom' video-conferencing on

Monday 4 January 2021 at 19.30hrs

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors R Freedman (Chair)
G Stevens (Vice Chair)
J Jones
N Taylor
N Woolner

ALSO PRESENT

Officer Mr Tony Noakes, Town Clerk
Mrs Dori Beecroft, Finance Officer

OPENING MATTERS

FP 01/21 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr's P de Hoest and P White.

FP 02/21 To receive **declarations of interest** regarding items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were received.

FP 03/21 The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2020 were **approved**.

FP 04/21 **Chairs Communications:**

- (i) Committee supported the London NorthWestern Railway application to Network Rail to locate a new Bicycle Rack behind platform 4 at Berkhamsted Railway Station. **Action – Town Clerk**

FP 05/21 **To suspend Standing Orders to allow public participation**

No members of the public were present.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

FP 06/21 **Grant Applications**

- (i) A grant application for £3,600 from Age UK Dacorum for a summer house to support the health and wellbeing of the elderly of Berkhamsted was **approved**. **Action – Town Clerk**

(ii) A grant application for £450 from Northchurch United Charities for the disbursement of funds to individuals in financial need and to organisations supporting disadvantaged children and elderly people in Berkhamsted was **approved**. Cllr's R Freedman and J Jones declared their status as Trustees at Northchurch United Charities. **Action – Town Clerk**

(iii) A grant application for £2,510 from Berkhamsted Raiders CFC to allow children in the community the ability to play sport regardless of the family's financial difficulty. The application was supported in principle, with the final decision being deferred until further details were provided. **Action – Town Clerk**

FP 07/21 Income and Expenditure including Receipts and Payments Schedule

(i) The Income and Expenditure and Variance Analysis at 30 November 2020 was **noted and approved**.

(ii) The balance sheet at 30 November 2020 was **noted**.

FP 08/21 Rental Income at Lagley Meadow Youth Centre

Committee agreed that the tenant at Lagley Meadow Youth Centre will not be required to pay any rent for the months of January, February and March 2021.

Action – Town Clerk

FP 09/21 2021/22 Budget and Precept Request

F&P Committee approved the latest version (V5) of the 2021/22 Budget and authorised the Town Clerk to present this final version for approval at Full Council on the 11 January 2021. **Action – Town Clerk**

FP 10/21 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 20.58hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....

F&P Committee Minutes Actions – 4 January 2021

Reference	Action	Complete	Outstanding - Responsibility
04/21	Support for the London NorthWestern Railway application to Network Rail to locate a new Bicycle Rack	✓	Town Clerk

	behind platform 4 at Berkhamsted Railway Station.		
06/21	£3,600 Grant for Age UK Dacorum	✓	Town Clerk
06/21	£450 Grant for Northchurch United Charities		Town Clerk
06/21	Grant for Berkhamsted Raiders CFC deferred, follow up details required		Town Clerk
08/21	Lagley Meadow Youth Centre tenant rent request for Q1/2021		Town Clerk
09/21	2021/22 budget V5 approved. Present to FC 11 January as final version.		Town Clerk