

Hedon Town Council

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Meeting of

Finance & General Purposes Committee held by Zoom

12 November 2020

Present: In the Chair – Cllr S Gallant
Cllrs: C Billany, N Black, J Brindley, J Dennis, Mrs B Goldspink,
Miss S Rommell, Miss D Storr and D Thompson
Clerk: J Macklin

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: B Stockdale

Resolved: that the apologies were accepted

2. Confirmation of the Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 24 September 2020 were agreed at the meeting held on 22 October 2020.

3. Update on the Minutes

None

4. Declaration of Interests

4.1 It was agreed that any declaration of interest be dealt with at the time the relevant item was discussed.

4.2 There were no dispensations to be noted.

5. To approve way forward for Hedon Market

The Chairman outlined the steps taken to provide a market following the withdrawal of Geraud UK as market managers at the end of October. An approach had been made to Mr G Ward, who had applied for the post of market manager earlier in the year, and he had agreed to run the market on an interim basis. Although the licence documentation had not been signed when notice was given, Geraud UK had agreed to pay on a pro rata basis for the five months they had been in charge and an invoice had been sent.

Resolved: that a simplified version of the Market Licence be drawn up with Mr G Ward for an interim period (one year)

Resolved: that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of F&GP Committee were authorised to put a Licence in place with Mr Ward as set out above

Resolved: that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Ward for taking on the management of the market

6. To consider grant request from Hedon Primary School

The Chairman referred to the letter from Hedon Primary School which had been previously circulated requesting a grant towards Christmas decorations and selection boxes for the children. Members agreed that the request should be granted and that the same grant should be made to Inmans Primary School and Hedon Nursery.

Cllrs Brindley and Rommell declared personal interests as they were governors of Hedon Nursery School

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- Resolved:** that a grant of £500 was awarded to Hedon Primary School
- Resolved:** that a grant of £500 was awarded to Inmans Primary School
- Resolved:** that a grant of £500 was awarded to Hedon Nursery School
- Resolved:** that the S137 budget was increased by £1000 to cover the grants

7. To approve way forward re xmas trees during national lockdown

The Chairman outlined the situation with regard to the erection of the large xmas tree in the Market Place and the xmas trees on St Augustine's Gate and Souttergate. It was agreed that the trees would be erected following a risk assessment to provide suitable protection for the Council staff during the work; it was noted that extra staff and barriers would be required.

Resolved: that the trees would be erected following a risk assessment to provide suitable protection to Council staff

Resolved: that costs associated with providing extra staffing/barriers whilst the work was carried out was approved

Resolved: that the Town Clerk would draft a statement confirming the above, to be approved by all Members, and sent out to the media and to all those that had e-mailed the Council on the subject of xmas trees

Members were reminded that the deadline for providing wrapped boxes for the Market Place tree to the Town Hall by the end of next week.

8. Members' Points of information and items for the next agenda

8.1 An update on the Holderness Health Forum meeting that had taken place on Monday 2 November would be on the F&GP Committee agenda for 26 November 2020.

8.2 An item would be included on the next F&GP Committee agenda on the ERYC 'Re-opening High Streets Safety' Fund which had been the subject of a meeting some time ago; the Town Clerk was asked to obtain an update prior to the meeting.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee