

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE OAK ROOM, AMORY CENTRE, SOUTH MOLTON ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 10.00AM.

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Present: In the Chair: Cllr P Henderson  
 Cllr M. Kingdon Cllr Mrs C. Lock  
 Cllr S. Lock Cllr M. Way

In Attendance: Mrs C Bere – Responsible Finance Officer  
 Mr A Coates – Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Bushell and Cornelius,

2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Having referred the application from South Molton in Bloom to a full Council meeting from the previous Finance Committee meeting to establish the likely financial support requirements of this group for 2022 - rather than receiving ad-hoc request (£800 for planters on the Square) - it was noted that numerous emails (in excess of 50) had since been sent to a number of Councillors by the coordinator demanding a special meeting as well as demands that the previous decision by the Committee be rescinded.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Henderson – Personal – Item 8 – Car parking space at Southley Road

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Finance Committee 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes are approved.

Finance Committee 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes are approved.

Finance Committee 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The Minutes were deferred as there were not enough Councillors present to vote that had attended the last meeting.

5. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that accounts in the sum of £28,424.76 be approved for payment.

6. **DONATIONS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the grant of £410 to The Friends of South Molton Library.

7. **HALF YEARLY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the half yearly financial accounts for period ending 30 September 2021. The Town Clerk advised that in last year's budget there was £30,000 allocated to capital works. He would like to use this on internal plastering and painting in the New Assembly Room; external painting of the Town Hall: Central Park equipment repairs of £2,000 - £2,500; external painting of 1 East Street. The Town Clerk asked the

Councillors to give him permission commence the improvement works without bring it back to the Finance Committee, as long as the quotes were within the budgets agreed last year. Councillors accepted this in principle.

The Chairman raised the issue of the Cemetery Lodge repairs which were agreed by Council in June 2020. Although some works have been done, Councillors were dissatisfied that repairs were taking so long and suggested the Town Clerk appoint another contractor to complete the works.

8. **REVIEW OF CHARGES**

It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the charges, with the exception of reducing the Town Hall kitchen hire for Charities and Community Groups to £8.50.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.46am

Chairman.....

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