



Kington Town Council

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

held via video conferencing on 30th April 2021

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. R. Banks - Chairman
Cllr. E. Banks
Cllr. M. Fitton
Cllr. E. Rolls
Cllr. R. Widdowson

Liz Kelso - Clerk

Agenda Item

Actions

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| F&GP 012-21 | 1. Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation Apologies were noted from Cllr. F. Hawkins. There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation. | |
| F&GP 013-21 | 2. Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st January 2021 were adopted and the Chairman authorised to sign the minutes as a true record of proceedings at that meeting. | |
| F&GP 014-21 | 3. Preliminary annual accounts for the year ended 31.3.2021 Members reviewed the preliminary figures for the annual accounts for the year ended 31.3.2021 indicating a surplus for the year of £44,531, primarily because of the impact of Covid which prevented some projects and expenditure which could not take place as originally planned and agreed these should be put to the internal auditor for review. | |
| F&GP 015-21 | 4. Review of reserves policy Noting the reserves policy of holding 40% of planned expenditure as general reserves, it was agreed after due consideration to increase the earmarked reserve or the recreation ground by £30,000 to cover planned expenditure on repairs to the cottage and toilet block. It was further agreed to create an earmarked reserve of £5,000 for planned work in the Churchyard and £10,000 for planned additional expenditure on Christmas decorations. | |
| F&GP 016-21 | 5. Draft Annual Governance and Accounting Return for year ended 31.3.2021 The Clerk presented the draft Annual Governance and Accounting Return for the year ended 31.3.2021, explaining how the return is made up from the | |

annual accounts as previously noted. The final figures will be presented to full council for approval following receipt of the internal audit report.

- F&GP 017-21** 6 **Exercise of Electors Rights for year ended 31.3.2021**
The Clerk reported that the period for the exercise of electors rights has returned to the previous dates to include the first ten days of July. Provisional dates are for the period to start on Monday 21st June for a period of 30 working days and arrangements will be put in place to ensure that members of the public and staff are safe and this is within covid restrictions.
- F&GP 018-21** 7 **Recreation Ground Trust accounts for the year ended 31.3.2021**
Members noted the preliminary accounts for Kington Recreation Ground Trust for the year ended 31.3.2021 and agreed that these be presented to the Trust in due course.
- F&GP 019-21** 8 **Items for the next agenda**
Staff pensions were raised as an item for the next agenda.
- F&GP 020-21** 9 **Date of the next meeting**
The next meeting will take place on 26th July 2021 at 6.00pm, venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman
Date: _____