



Minutes of a meeting of The Finance and General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday 26th February 2020 in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Well Being Centre, 62 Vernon Street, Nelson

Commenced: 6.30pm - Concluded:7.00pm

Councillors Present: Kamran Latif [Chair], Zafar Ali, Nazeem Hayat and Ikram Ul-Haq

Absent Councillors: Husnan Arshad, Wayne Blackburn Mashuq Hussain and Mohammad Sakib

Non-Councillor (without voting rights): None

Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee): Ali Baig

Officers: Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker]

Members of the Public: None

2019/080
(FGP)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Ai and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillor Mohammad Sakib are approved and accepted.

2019/081
(FGP)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.

None declared.

2019/082
(FGP)

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2019/083
(FGP)

MINUTES

To approve the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 22 January 2020.

Proposed by Councillor Ul-Haq and Seconded by Councillor Ali, and

RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting

	held on the 22 January 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.
2019/084 (FGP)	<p><u>WALTON LANE NURSERY AND ROCKING HORSE CLUB – SMALL GRANT APPLICATION</u> To consider a small grant application for the sum of £1,000 to assist with a project around heuristic and holistic enrichment for children in the local area.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hayat, and RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee and to request the following information from the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification around the organisational details of the applicant • Existing monies in the accounts which have been submitted <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk invite the applicant to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting to talk through the application with Members.</p>
2019/085 (FGP)	<p><u>BRADLEY BOYS CRICKET CLUB – SMALL GRANT APPLICATION</u> To consider a small grant application for the sum of £1,000 to assist with a project around heuristic and holistic enrichment for children in the local area.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hayat, and RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee and to request the following information from the applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of bank statements • Certified copy of the resolution of the organisation to apply for the grant • Two further estimates for the cost of the equipment <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk invite the applicant to the next meeting of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting to talk through the application with Members.</p>
2019/086 (FGP)	<p><u>ALLEYGATING AT BRADLEY VIEW</u> To consider an additional £500.00 contribution towards alleygating at Bradley View.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hayat, and RESOLVED: That the additional £500.00 contribution towards alleygating at Bradley View be supported by the Town Council and that the costs be taken from the Special Projects Budget.</p>
2019/087 (FGP)	<p><u>CCTV</u> To receive an update in relation to CCTV camera installation costings.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk has been in contact with Peter Wareing at the CCTV Hub over in Blackburn. Any new installation of CCTV equipment will all come in at a high price given the job will require new cameras, installation costs, connections to the hub and a new beam for the camera to be located at.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hayat, and RESOLVED: That a decision be deferred around any new camera installations until the next meeting.</p>
2019/088 (FGP)	<p><u>BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/21</u> To note the approval of the proposed budget which was presented at an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council on 06th February 2020.</p> <p>Following on from discussions at the last Finance and General Purposes meeting, the Assistant Town Clerk noted the approval of the proposed budget which was presented at an Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council on 06th February 2020.</p>

	Members noted the update.
2019/089 (FGP)	<p><u>PARKS AND MUGA COSTINGS</u> To receive an update from the Assistant Town Clerk in relation to the Parks and MUGA costings invoice received from Pendle Borough Council.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk had checked the financial records and stated that the contributions to the Parks and MUGAS for the financial year 2019/20 had not yet been paid.</p> <p>The cheque is now signed by Councillors George Adam and Mohammad Kamran Latif and can be sent to Pendle Borough Council for processing.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to resend the invoice to Members of the Finance committee before sending off the cheque to Pendle Borough Council.</p>
2019/090 (FGP)	<p><u>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS</u> To note the office has received two FOI requests in relation to grants received by the Council and payments both taken and received in relation to Unity Hall and the Revive Café.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk notified Members that two Freedom of Information requests had recently been submitted to the office in relation to grants received by the Council and payments both taken and received in relation to Unity Hall and the Revive Café.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2019/091 (FGP)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>No items put forward at this stage.</p>
2019/092 (FGP)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25th March 2020 at 6.30pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>Members noted the next meeting date.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.00pm.</p>