

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of The Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.00pm by Video Conference.

Present: J Phillips (Chairman)  
Councillors V Monk, V Elkins, I Roome, J Hunt, J Carter, L York, A Shah, V Nel & J Orange.

In attendance: R Ward Town Clerk.  
S Petters Assistant Town Clerk

FG031 Apologies, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllrs Rennles (Fremington Parish Council meeting), J Wilsher (Health) & G Marchewka (Work).

Apologies and reasons were considered and approved by councillors. (NC)

FG032 Declarations and Dispensations

Councillors I Roome, J Hunt, J Phillips, L York & J Orange as members of North Devon Council, declared a dispensation under SO65 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

FG033 The committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record. (NC)

FG034 Financial Reports presented to the meeting were received and noted. (NC)

FG035 The committee reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2021-22 as presented in the report from the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Finance and General Purposes Committee should recommend to Full Council a precept of £934,364 an increase of £4.68 per year for a Band D Property. (NC)

FG036 RESOLVED: To note the Governance Audit Report for the Town Council undertaken on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the Internal Auditors recommendations therein. (NC)

FG037 RESOLVED: To approve the request for £410 for Cllr Phillips registration to undertake the CiLCA qualification. (9 for : 1 against)

FG038 Absence of press and public

RESOLVED: That the following matter shall be taken in the absence of the press and public, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, as the item contains exempt information as defined by Standing Order 82a. (NC)

FG039 RESOLVED: to approve the move to direct delivery of the highway verge maintenance and recruit an additional Town Ranger member of staff to support this activity. (NC)

FG040 RESOLVED: to approve a rent discount of 50% for one tenant at the Castle Centre whilst they are unable to use their office due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, (NC)

Meeting ended at 7.39pm  
Chairman.

Signed .....

Dated .....