

F & GP Committee held Monday 20 January 2020

Northallerton Town Council Held 7.00 p.m. Upper Hall, Town Hall, Northallerton

Present: Chairman: Councillor J Forrest
Councillors C Hutson, J Hutson
In attendance: Councillor P Cornfoot

FGP/1330	To receive apologies for absence
Resolved:	Apologies received from Cllr C Palmer and Cllr P Eames.
FGP/1331	To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on agenda items:
Resolved:	None to receive
FGP/1332	To grant dispensation as appropriate:
Resolved:	None to receive
FGP/1333	To receive and approve minutes 2 December 2019
Resolved:	The Chairman, Cllr J Forrest signed the minutes. All in favour.
FGP/1334	Due to confidential nature of the business to be transacted and under the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 and LGA 1972, ss 100A to 100K: and ACA 19998, TC/182 and TC/183 to be held in private session
Resolved:	All in favour
FGP/1335	To discuss and agree Budget 2020-21
Resolved:	<p>Following the format of the 2019-20 budget provided by JF, JH had produced a spreadsheet to show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2019-20 budget- 2019 actuals to 31 December 2019 as per Rialtas Accounting Software- 2020-21 column to complete <p>For all income and expenditure headings analysed between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- F&GP- Town Hall- Amenities- Events- Projects (expenditure only) <p>The existing commitment to spend £33,500 on Bullamoor Park was increased to £50,000 in line with Council Resolution TC/188. £10,000 was added for Applegarth improvements following recent criticism from the public.</p> <p>The recent building survey detailing the significant repairs works required in the Town Hall basement provoked much discussion and it was agreed that these works plus a complete upgrade of the Town Hall electrical and plumbing systems plus any associated internal and external repairs to the fabric of the building should be incorporated in a longer term commitment to improvements £95,000 of which would be allocated to 2020-21.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs P Eames and P Cornfoot, assisted by Cllr J Hutson would form a Working Party to discuss the building survey with the consultants who prepared it to identify urgent items and arrange for electrical, plumbing and building surveys for the whole building to address the evident lack of maintenance.</p> <p>Request for Amenities equipment and resources were considered including replacement of the truck and potentially hiring in a bowser for the summer and a budget was set at £20,000.</p>

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	Overall an in-year deficit of £206,292 was budgeted as it was noted there was a healthy balance in reserve from previous years.
FGP/1336	To agree and discuss remuneration for staff
Resolved:	Detailed consideration was given to remuneration levels of all staff. In the long-term absence of the Clerk it was agreed that the Office Staff should be rewarded for their efforts in maintaining the service to the public whilst tackling new and unfamiliar work while under resourced and hence an additional remuneration of £800 each (gross) was recommended. As at 1 April 2020 an upgrade of 2 spinal points was proposed and agreed for PW with a change of job title to Finance and Admin Assistant. A revised job description would therefore be required and be produced by the Staffing Committee.
FGP/1337	To discuss and agree contract for Town Hall boilers
Resolved:	It was agreed that 3 quotes would be obtained from specialist providers to service and maintain the Town Hall boilers which have proved unreliable recently.
FGP/1338	Date of future meetings
Resolved:	A list of future F&G P meetings to December 2020 was agreed. These meetings to be held one week before each full Council meeting at 7.00 pm in the Town Hall. It was further agreed that if there were insufficient items, unless urgent, the need for a monthly meeting would be reviewed.

The meeting closed at 21:45