

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING HELD ON 22 APRIL 2021

809.	PRESENT: Councillors R Hull, S Ball, T G E Gillanders, T Cessford, J Ord, T Pearson and J M Graham.
810.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Dodds and Homer.
811.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 24 March 2021, having been circulated, were AGREED.
812.	MATTERS ARISING: a) TOWN COUNCIL PRESENCE IN TOWN CENTRE (minute 804 refers). It was noted that this had been further considered at the Full Council meeting on 19 April and that it had been agreed that a small working group would work on a business case after the elections. b) MARKET STALLS (minute 799a and action log refers). It was noted that a response from NCC's Markets Manager is awaited. c) STANDING ORDERS (minute 802 and action log refers). It was noted that Full Council had agreed these. d) DISCIPLINARY, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY, AND GRIEVANCE POLICIES (minute 803 and action log refers). It was noted that these policies are still being worked on. e) FUNDING (minute 807 and action log refers). It was noted that this has been paid.
813.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillors Ball and Pearson declared a non-pecuniary interest in one of the funding applications.
814.	FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank statement and account reconciliation together with the 2020/21 budget report to 31 March 2021 were received and accepted. Copies are attached to the minutes.
815.	EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: It was resolved and AGREED in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, namely consideration of funding requests, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they were requested to withdraw.
816.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS: These were considered and AGREED as listed in confidential note 816.
817.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held online at 6.30pm on Thursday 20 May 2021.

Action Log

Market Stalls: pursue response from Markets Manager (minute 812b)	Admin Officer
Consider the listed policies (minute 812d)	Councillor Graham to liaise with Councillors Homer and Cessford
Arrange the funding as agreed (minute 816)	Clerk (and Councillor Cessford to advise one organisation on NCC Covid funding)

Chairman