

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2021 (5.30-7.10pm)

901.	PRESENT: Councillors F Hartland, D Kennedy, S Ball, A Baty, G O'Farrell, M Domingue, A Smith and C Ponsford.
902.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Ord.
903.	MINUTES of the meeting held on 17 November 2021, having been circulated, were AGREED, except for amending 894 to "After a discussion and vote, the majority of the Committee AGREED to defer consideration of this matter until more is understood".
904.	MATTERS ARISING: a) TOWN CENTRE PRESENCE (minute 847a and action log refers). It was AGREED to remove this from the action log. b) COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION POLICY (minute 892 and action log refers). It was noted this is on the December Full Council agenda. c) FUNDING (minute 897 and action log refers). It was noted that this had been paid. d) CHRISTMAS/WINTER LIGHT FESTOONS (minute 898 and action log refers). It was noted this work has/is currently taking place.
905.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
906.	FINANCIAL REPORT: The bank statement and account reconciliation together with the 2021/22 budget report to 30 November 2021 were received and accepted. Copies are attached to the minutes.
907.	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 the 2022/23 budget and funding applications, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they were requested to withdraw.
908.	2022/23 BUDGET: A draft budget was considered and it was AGREED that the budget and the required precept as detailed in the agenda be recommended to the Council.
909.	FUNDING APPLICATIONS: These were considered and AGREED as detailed in confidential note 909.
910.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held online at 5.30pm on Thursday 27 January 2022.

Action Log

Refer the recommended 2022/23 budget to the January Full Council meeting (minute 908)	Clerk
Arrange related meeting for interested Councillors and for the headstone raft foundations work to be done and paid for before 31 March 2022 (minute 908)	Clerk
Arrange payment (minute 909)	Clerk

Chairman