

**DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Council held at Dursley Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for presentation to the Council on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

PRESENT

Councillors: S Creswick (Chair), S Ackroyd (Mayor), M Woodward, L Patrick, N Grecian, A Stennett, M Stennett, P Hayes, J Rubin and.

Officers: John Kay, Town Clerk.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs A Stennett (personal), M Stennett (business) and D Savvidou (personal) provided their apologies.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Finance Committee held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

5. TAKEOVER OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSETS FROM TOWN TRUST TO TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr Creswick reported that since 2009 the official custodian (Charity Commission) has held title of the asset (Town Hall, Jacob's House and Heritage Centre) and that the Town Trust has acted in a management capacity. Should Dursley Town Council agree to any takeover of responsibilities from the Town Trust then it would be in a management capacity and may not be able to regain title to the properties.

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## 6. REGARDING 2021/22 GRANT APPLICATIONS

### Small Grants

The Committee considered the 2021/22 small grant applications to be paid in November 2021 and made the following recommendations to Council:

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Funding Requested for:</b>	<b>Notes/Conditions</b>
Dursley Town Boys FC	£300	New football kits	A condition of the grant is that the Town Council Crest to be displayed on the football shirts.
Dursley Town Ladies FC	£349	New Bench Coats	A condition of the grant is that the Town Council Crest to be displayed on the bench coats.
Dursley Town AFC	£300	Footballs	A condition of the grant is that recognition of the funds are to be displayed on the Dursley Town AFC website.

### Revenue Grants

The Committee considered the 2021/22 revenue grant applications to be paid in May 2022 and made the following recommendations to Council:

#### **IT WAS RESOLVED:**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>	<b>Notes/Conditions</b>
Dursley & District Community Association	£7,000 (provisional)	The sum is provisionally awarded but will be subject to a review meeting of Dursley Town Council/Committee representatives in early 2022 to discuss the programme of planned maintenance activities including flood repairs, staff recruitment and an update on the post-pandemic recovery programme and longer term future of the Community Centre.
Twinberrow Foundation	£3,000	

## 7. REGARDING POLICIES

**IT WAS AGREED** that Cllr Ackroyd and the Town Clerk would review the Grants Policy and make recommendations at the next Committee meeting. Cllr M Stennett is to be asked if she would like to contribute to the review.

8. UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS

The investments to the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were noted.

**IT WAS AGREED** that the Town Clerk to arrange the transfer of £150k to the Public Sector Deposit Account from the Lloyds Bank account.

9. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD 2022/2025

**IT WAS AGREED** to recommend the budget to Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> November with the following amendments and matters to be confirmed:

The insurance figure to be increased.

Mayors Budget to be increased to £750

Jacobs House Property Maintenance to be funded from reserve.

To confirm if a rent increase is due for Jacob's House

The length of term of energy contracts to be confirmed.

Remove the War Memorial reserve – no planned works.

Repainting reserve to be allocated to 2022/23 budget

Increase Vehicle/Machinery Reserve by £5k in 2022/23.

Remove Temporary Staff and H&S Audit reserves.

The meeting closed at 20:30.



.....Chair

21.12.21

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