

# Whitchurch Town Council

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## Finance Committee

### Minutes of the Virtual Finance Committee held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 via Zoom

**Committee confirmed their recording of the meeting.**

**Present:**

Councillors: A. Chesters, S. Hamlyn, J. Martin, J. Sinnott, B. Duffy, R. Shepherd

Town Clerk – Nicola Young

**32. Apologies**

None received

**33. Declarations of Interest**

No interests were declared.

**34. Minutes**

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/24/2021 RESOLVED** to sign and accept the minutes as an accurate record of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**35. Public Participation**

After a proposal from Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Chesters, it was **FIN/25/2021 RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders to invite the public to make representations and ask questions.

A representative of the Beechtree Community Centre made herself known and spoke about the funding request and the need for the funds.

After a proposal by Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Martin, it was **FIN/26/2021 RESOLVED** to reinstate Standing Orders.

**36. COVID-19 Fund**

- a. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **FIN/27/2021 RESOLVED** to move £1,000 from the Harry Richards Fund into the COVID-19 Fund to support community groups recover from the pandemic.
- b. After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn, it was **FIN/28/2021 RESOLVED** to provide funding of £591.32 to the Beechtree Community Centre for the items listed in the funding application, less the cost of the hand sanitizing solution, which the Council will provide.

**37. Market Stall Hire**

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Chesters, it was **FIN/29/2021 RESOLVED** to provide free stalls for regular Friday market stall holders during the month of August 2020, to assist with economic recovery following COVID-19.

**38. Heritage Craft Units**

The Committee considered the request from the Craft Unit tenant, were sympathetic to the request but stated that the Council were unable to help.

**39. Room Rent Reduction**

The Committee requested that officers write to the business concerned and inform them of the 20% reduction in room hire due to the Council's decision to absorb VAT in the price, rather than provide it as an additional charge.

**40. VAT Partial Exemption Calculation**

After a proposal from Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr Sinnott, it was **FIN/30/2021 RESOLVED** that the Committee ratify the agreement to settle the bill from DCK Accounting Solutions for the VAT Partial Exemption Calculation.

**41. Confidential Business**

After a proposal from Cllr Chesters, seconded by Cllr Duffy, it was **FIN/31/2021 RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

**42. Payment of Hours Accrued**

**43. Part-time Administration Assistant**

Items 42 and 43 above were deferred to Personnel Committee meeting due to take place in September.

Meeting closed 1937

Chairman: .....

Date: .....