

Minutes of the F&GP Committee

Wednesday 2 March 2022 @ 6pm.

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p>Present: Cllrs: M. Wilson (Chair) D. Webster, S. Webster, D. Fletcher Cooney, M. Scrogam. N. Bishop Rowe, T. Irving, B. Brown. Clerk.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr P. Jones.</p>	
1.	<p>Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising: None</p>	
3.	<p>Financial Matters: Bank Statements, Bank Reconciliation, Reserve Account and Budget Variances. Committee resolved to approve the documents which were signed by the chair and recommend approval to full council.</p>	
4.	<p>Staff. Cllr D. Webster said that HR committee have approved an increase in the Deputy Town Clerk hours from 15 hours to 20 hours. This is in line with the savings from the current Finance and Admin officer hours. Committee resolved to approve this decision and recommend to full council. (Part 2)</p>	DW
5	<p>Annual Town Meeting. The only venue available for this meeting is the Drill Hall. Committee resolved to approve that the meeting would be held in the Drill Hall on Monday 17 May @ 7pm and recommend this to full council.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>Permanent and Portable Vehicle Activated signage. Following discussion about the report and the costings the clerk was requested to ask CCC (Crash) committee where it would recommend that the portable sign goes, as this has to be agreed in advance. The cameras cannot be positioned other than where it has been agreed in advance with County Highways and where there is considered to be a traffic issue. The clerk will also advise if there are any grants for this equipment Committee resolved to update council on the matter.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Car Park Subsidy. The subsidy on Buxton Place Car Park comes to an end in September 2022 after a 2-year project. The councils 2 years commitment is £35,000 together with the BID making a total project contribution of £70,000 Because the project has been successful the invoices from SLDC are becoming higher as the subsidy is applied to all of the additional tickets. It has been agreed with SLDC that the Town Council and the BID will pay</p>	Clerk

	<p>no more than the agreed amount and SLDC would absorb the rest. Full figures will be available shortly to assess if the project encouraged more people to come into town, extended dwell time and improved the economy, or moved existing drivers from other car parks.</p> <p>Committee resolved to update council on the matter.</p>	
8	<p>Grant application An application for 5k has been received from UCE (Market Hall) for an Options Analysis. It was resolved to consider this when all the other applications to the council grants budgets have been received in April/May. The clerk said that it had been explained to UCE that a grant of this amount was unlikely.</p>	
9	<p>Food Bank. The clerk reported that the Barrow Food Bank were urgently seeking organisations in Ulverston to approve residents who wish to visit the Ulverston foodbank. It was proposed that the town council did this on a Monday morning when all staff were in and Cllr Webster said that another morning may be possible if councillors supported this. It was noted that Ulverston Library would also sign off use of the foodbank.</p> <p>It was agreed that council would be recommended to approve this.</p>	
10	<p>Local Government Re-organisation.</p> <p>It was agreed that council would be recommended to establish a committee to engage directly and at the highest level with the new Westmorland and Furness Authority. This would be from the transition period in May 2022 to ensure that service delivery in Ulverston is enhanced and not cut and that the town council and the community is completely engaged in the process.</p>	All
11	<p>Date of next Meeting. Wednesday 6 April @ 6pm in the town council office.</p>	