



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

8th March 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Matthew Parker (elected Chairman for the meeting)

Councillor Sharmilee Bhowse	Councillor Sandra Grove
Councillor Toni Coombs	Councillor Jane Russell
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Kate Stephens

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk & Jan Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk

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230/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors; Simon Gibson, Spencer Flower, Philip Mann and Mark Thorpe

231/21 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Coombs declared an interest in the Youth Centre Solar Panels as Chairman of the Management Committee and a Member of Dorset Council. and took no part in the discussion thereon.

232/21 Report of the Internal Auditor

Members noted the interim report and **RECOMMENDED** that the Report be received and accepted.

233/21 CCTV Policy

Members noted the CCTV Policy and requested that the Assistant Clerk look into providing access to the Youth Centre CCTV from the Council Offices.

RECOMMENDED that the Policy be agreed.

(Action: Assistant Town Clerk)

234/21 Installation of Solar Panels on the Youth Centre

Members noted the proposed installation arranged by Dorset's Renewable Energy Technical Officer. The Town Clerk was requested to find out if an amendment to the current lease was required, the responsibilities (and where they lay at the end of the Panels' life or end of the lease), provision of a storage battery for evening usage.

RECOMMENDED that the Solar Panels be added to the Youth Centre.

(Action: Town Clerk)

235/21 Request by Verwood Concert Brass Band

Members considered the request for use of Ferrett Green or the Memorial Recreation Ground for a fund-raising "Blowathon". **RECOMMENDED** that approval be given

for Ferrett Green and the Trustees of the Memorial Recreation Ground be requested to give permission too.

(Action: Town Clerk)

Councillor Grove declared an interest in the Verwood Community Group Grant Aid Application and took no part in the debate.

236/21 Grant Aid Applications

Members considered 3 requests and **RECOMMENDED** that Verwood Community Group be awarded £450, Verwood Friendship Club be awarded £800 and the Assistant Town Clerk ascertain the type of car park project Verwood Memorial Hall trust wish the Council to Grant Aid and report back to Council.

(Action: Assistant Town Clerk)

237/21 On-line banking

Members considered that a further 2 Councillors should be added to the Council's on-line banking mandate to authorise payments. **RECOMMENDED** that Councillor Bhose and Councillor Russell be added to the mandate.

(Action: Town Clerk)

238/21 Other reports and future agenda items.

- a) Cllr Jane Russell advised that rubbish had been found behind the Post Office, this was being removed shortly;
- b) Cllr Toni Coombs advised that a Multi-agency Working Group had been set up to deal with Anti-social behaviour;
- c) Consultation on Public Safety Protection Orders had been carried out by Dorset Council, Cllr Toni Coombs had requested that areas likely to be affected by open fires/barbeques should be included. A response / outcome of the consultation would be received soon.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

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Chairman