

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Ferriby, Lynch and Hodson

FIN/1/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Williams

FIN/2/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2020

Minutes approved

FIN/3/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/4/2020 GRANTS

Grant request from Citizens Advice of £1,000 - Members discussed previous grants to CAB which always paid for room hire at Wigton Market Hall for a year. It was AGREED that they are still providing a telephone service and some face to face meetings at Workington. There is no date as yet for a return to Wigton for face to face meetings.

AGREED - £500.00

FIN/5/2020 BUDGET MONITORING

To amend and approve accounts for April to June 2020

£11,871.74 coded incorrectly for Barton Laws. Agreed to add an expenditure code for the Barton Laws Project

Members accepted the accounts for April to June 2020

FIN/6/2020 BUDGET 2021/22

New Expenditure Item for Public Loan Board repayments

The Clerk to change last year's figure to include 1.5% inflation rate.

To discuss a priority next year for new play equipment

FIN/7/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – Thursday 5th November 2020 at .100pm

Meeting closed at 1.40pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2020 AT 1.00PM

PRESENT Councillors Ferriby, Lynch, Williams and Hodson

FIN/8/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FIN/9/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2020

Minutes approved

FIN/10/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/11/2020 BUDGET MONITORING

To amend and approve accounts for July to September 2020

Cllr Lynch asked about the following costs centres –

Allotment running costs – Overspend due to new wind break fencing purchased for new allotment site at Longthwaite Road, no further costs anticipated for the rest of the year.

Contracts Maintenance – The Clerk explained that external contracts are charged for extra expenditure on top of contract price.

B/Laws running costs – No costs for the rest of the year but new heading for new build to be added.

Cllr Williams asked about Station Yard Depot costs – Why are they different each month? The Clerk explained the costs are not just rental charges but consumables and utilities spent in the month.

Members accepted and approved the accounts for July to September 2020

FIN/12/2020 BUDGET 2021/22

New line added for Public Loan Board payments – Clerk to add cost to this

Members agreed to add a new line to the budget for New Play Equipment - £10,000 to start with for next year. The footpaths, parks and allotment committee to start looking at new ‘modern’ play equipment, also to look into match funding.

Cllr Hodson asked if we need to add a budget cost for Street Lighting. The Clerk reported that ABC have not yet made the decision when this will be passed down to town and parish councils but it will not be next year if at all.

Members agreed that they are building for the future and they want to enhance what we provide.

Cllr Ferriby asked that when the council tax base information is available that we look at the increase on council tax for £30,000 and £50,000 but to add £30,000 to precept for now as a starting point. All members **AGREED**

FIN/13/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – Thursday 10th December 2020 at 10.00am

Meeting closed at 2.10pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT Councillors Ferriby, Lynch and Williams

FIN/14/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hodson

FIN/15/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes approved

FIN/16/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/17/2020 PITCHES, ALLOTMENTS AND BOWLS CHARGES 21-22

To set Allotment Charges for Longhwaite Road and The Crofts 2022/23 – **AGREED** No increase in charges for 22/23. **AGREED** not to set charges for the WCF Allotments

To set pitch charges for Barton Laws and Wigton Park 2021/22 – **AGREED** No increase in charges for next year. To let clubs know that we will be looking at charges for 22-23 following the new build.

To set bowling charges 2021/22 – **AGREED** No increase at the present time in lieu of meeting. To be reviewed after working group findings.

FIN/18/2020 BUDGET 2021/22

The Clerk reported that ABC would not be sending the Council Tax Base figure through until early January and suggested that a meeting to agree the precept be set up before the January FC meeting. The Clerk also reported that she had asked for an extension of the completion of the precept form until after our January council meeting. This will give members time to put forward a more accurate budget and precept to full council. **AGREED**

Members discussed the increase of the precept and agreed £30k initially but this could increase if the council tax base rises.

FIN/19/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – Monday 11th January 2021 at 6.00pm

Meeting closed at 10.50am

ALLOTMENT CHARGES FOR 2022 - 2023

	Charge for 2021-22	Charge for 2022-23
Allotments	£ 44.00	£ 44.00
Allotments to include Water and Pest Control Charges	£ 55.00	£ 55.00

BARTON LAWS/WIGTON PARK - CHARGES FOR 2021-22 SEASON

		Charges for 2020-21 Season	Charges for 2021 - 22 Season
Adult	per match	£40.00	£40.00
Junior - Under 16's	per match	£10.00	£10.00
Mini - Under 10's	per match	£5.00	£5.00
Junior/Mini Football Training	per session	£5.00	£5.00
Casual use of all facilities	per session	£60.00	£60.00

PARK BOWLING CLUB - CHARGES FOR 2021-22 SEASON

		Charges for 2021-22 Season
Bowls Season Ticket - Adult		£38.00
Bowls Season Ticket - Concessions		£27.00
Bowls Season Ticket - Child		£5.00
Bowls Casual Ticket - Adult		£5.00
Bowls Casual Ticket - Concessions		£3.00
In Town Bowling Competitions		£10.00
Cumbria Bowling		£5.00
Park Bowling Club Assoc'n Competitions		£100.00

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT Councillors Ferriby, Lynch, Hodson and Williams

FIN/20/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FIN/21/2020 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2020

Minutes approved

FIN/22/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/23/2020 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021/22

Council tax base was received on 7th January from ABC and an amended precept calculation was emailed to members.

Cllr Hodson asked how ABC worked out the council tax base for the year. Clerk to find out information and pass on to the group.

The committee discussed the budget and precept and decided they would recommend the budget with a £30k increase in precept.

Cllr Hodson was uncomfortable with the amount of precept increase. She suggested we look at reducing the donation to Wigton Baths from £10,000 to £8,000, the Cemetery Grant from £10,000 to £8,000 and possibly look at reducing the costs for the toilets as we have reduced the number of toilets in use at present.

A discussion took place and a proposal was put forward by Cllr Ferriby.

Proposal - Cllr Ferriby recommended that they agree the budget and an increase of £30k on the precept. Seconded by Cllr Williams

Vote taken – Yes 3 No 1

The recommendation will go forward to the Full Council on Wednesday 13th January.

FIN/24/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd February 2021 at 1.00pm

Meeting closed at 6.30pm

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON
MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2021 AT 1.00 PM

PRESENT Councillors Ferriby, Lynch, Hodson and Williams

FIN/25/2020 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FIN/26/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/27/2020 GRANTS / DONATIONS

Wigton Carnival Group – £500 **AGREED** to donate £500

Free For All – VJ Day Exhibition - £1,000 – **AGREED** not to support this exhibition as members do not feel it is good use of public money.

FIN/28/2020 BUDGET MONITORING JULY TO DECEMBER 2020

Members were happy with the last 6 months budget monitoring information received.

FIN/29/2020 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting – Monday 10th May 2021 at 1.00pm

Meeting closed at 1.50pm