



**MINUTES OF RYDE TOWN COUNCIL'S FINANCE & COMMUNITY RESOURCES
COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021 at 7PM AT GARFIELD ROAD METHODIST CHURCH**

Present: Cllr Phil Jordan (Chair), Cllr Charles Chapman, Cllr Simon Cooke, Cllr Jess Higgins, Cllr John McLagen, Cllr Jo Park, Cllr Malcolm Ross.

In Attendance: Gareth Hughes (RFO), Tara Bloomfield (Accounting Technician)

37/21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

38/21 APOLOGIES

Councillor Michael Lilley and Councillor Jenna Sabine.

39/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

40/21 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

41/21 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

The minutes to the meeting held on 18 May 2021 were agreed.

42/21 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Finance and Community Resources Committee Terms of Reference were noted.

43/21 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

There were no questions asked.

44/21 FINAL ACCOUNTS

The RFO presented the Final Accounts for the 2020-21 Financial Year and reported on a significant overspend that had occurred on the Public Conveniences water supply budget due to a leak at the Appley public conveniences site. The matter was subject to negotiation with both Southern Water (the supplier) and the Isle of Wight Council who had previously been responsible for the payment of invoices in respect of the supply (and were appearing to continue to benefit from the supply). The RFO would report back on the progress on negotiations for a refund on expenditure incurred and would examine the placing of a cap on future sums that could be taken by direct debit.

45/21 BUDGET MONITOR

The budget monitor was considered and it was agreed that the information content be examined in order to present more meaningful financial management information, to include the use of alternative accountancy software.

46/21 RYDE CANOE LAKE

The Committee had been requested by Full Council to identify a source of funding for the approved expenditure of £3,365 (excluding VAT) for cleaning the Canoe Lake. The RFO suggested that funding be met in the first instance from the Beach Cleaning budget. Councillor Chapman suggested that such expenditure be included in future years as part of the beach cleaning contract.

RESOLVED: That the sum of £3,365 in respect of the Canoe Lake be initially met from the Beach Cleaning budget, with virement from other budgets to be considered should the beach cleaning budget prove insufficient for this purpose.

47/21 GRANTS SUB- COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Grants Sub – Committee held on the 16th December 2020 were noted.

48/21 PAYMENTS LIST

The payments list was noted.

49/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

THAT the next meeting of the Finance and Community Resources Committee will be held on Tuesday 14th September.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19:50.