



**Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Premises Committee
held at the Council Offices on Thursday, 21 April 2022**

Commenced: 7.15pm - Concluded: 8.45pm

Councillors Present. John Housley (acting Chairman), David Ogle (Vice-Chairman), Victoria Bowden, John Brownrigg, Susan Davidson and Thomas Sturgess.

Absent Councillors. Kate Guest.

Officers: Andrew Towleron – Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Members of the Public. None.

Chairman's Announcement

In the absence of Councillor Kate Guest, it was agreed that Councillor John Housley should be the Chairman for the meeting. He then outlined the procedures to ensure that it was effective, lawful and safe.

<u>2021/127</u> <u>(F&P)</u>	<u>Item 127: Apologies and Reasons for Absence</u> Proposed by Councillor John Brownrigg and seconded by Councillor David Ogle and RESOLVED: That the apology and reason given for absence by Councillor Kate Guest be approved. <i>(6 in favour)</i>
<u>2021/128</u> <u>(F&P)</u>	<u>Item 128: Declarations of Interests</u> There were none.
<u>2021/129</u> <u>(F&P)</u>	<u>Item 129: Exclusion of Press and Public</u> The Chairman explained that he considered that there was one item on the agenda that required the exclusion of the press or public for their consideration due to the confidential nature of the business to be considered. This was item 2021/131 Grant Applications. Proposed by Councillor Victoria Bowden and seconded by Councillor Susan Davidson and RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from item 2021/131 grant applications. <i>(6 in favour)</i>
<u>2021/130</u> <u>(F&P)</u>	<u>Item 130: Public Participation Session</u> There were no questions raised.

<p><u>2021/131</u> <u>(F&P)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 131: Grant Applications</u></p> <p>The Council has received the following application:</p> <p>Ward Based Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Windmill Hill <p>This was then considered by the Committee.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Susan Davidson and seconded by Councillor David Ogle and RESOLVED: That it is recommended to Council that Friends of Windmill Hill be granted an award of £2,500 for improvements to Windmill Hall infant and primary school playgrounds from the COVID Recovery Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(6 in favour)</i></p> <p>The Clerk also reported that the grant application from The Unity Project (SY) had been withdrawn for a variety of reasons. The Project had invited councillors and officers to visit their Ecclesfield offices to see and hear about their activities.</p>
<p><u>2021/132</u> <u>(F&P)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 132: Policies for Consideration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID support and Recovery Fund Guidelines and Criteria <p>This was considered, and various amendments considered and agreed.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Susan Davidson and seconded by Councillor John Brownrigg and RESOLVED: That, subject to the agreed amendments being made, the COVID support and Recovery Fund Guidelines and Criteria 2022/23 be recommended to Council for approval.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(6 in favour)</i></p>
<p><u>2021/133</u> <u>(F&P)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 133: Internal Audit/Control</u></p> <p>The Clerk gave an update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Internal Audit <p>The Clerk explained that the draft report following the independent audit of the Council's financial systems and controls was expected soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and the Year End procedure for the financial year 2021/2022. <p>The Clerk outlined the process to complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the financial year 2021/2022. He confirmed that the deadline submission date is the 1 July 2022.</p>
<p><u>2021/134</u> <u>(F&P)</u></p>	<p><u>Item 134: Alan Greaves Fund</u></p> <p>A detailed discussion took place on the indicative project developed by Councillor David Ogle aimed at addressing crime and anti-social behaviour, which could potentially be funded via the Alan Greaves Fund. The general view was that as an initial idea it was not without merit. It was agreed that the proposal should be circulated to all Councillors and they be requested to consider it and send their constructive comments to Councillor David Ogle and/or the Clerk in time for the next meeting of the Finance and Premises Committee. The proposal would then be considered further.</p>

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Item 135: Date and Time of Future Meetings

It was agreed that this should be considered and agreed at the next Full meeting of the Council which was scheduled for 12 May 2022.