

Macclesfield Town Council

Finance Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of September 2021 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

# Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Bennett- Wake.

# Declarations of Interest

Cllr Puttick declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.1 as he helps at the repair café and a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.1 and 7 as a member of ArtSpace.

Cllr Harwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.8 as her husband is a member of the Eye Society.

# Public Questions

There were no public questions.

# Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 7th June 2021

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved.

# Matters Arising from the Minutes

## Update on ArtSpace Grant

The report was noted.

## Update on Circus Starr Application

The report was noted.

## Update on CORE Application

The report was noted.

## Update on Macclesfield in October Application

The report was noted.

# Grant Applications

## Age UK Cheshire East

**Resolved:** The grant application for £1,968 was approved, on the condition that the funding from MTC does not go towards staff costs as per the Town Council’s policy.

## Cheshire Wildlife Trust

**Resolved:** The grant application for £2000, on the condition that the funding from MTC does not go towards staff costs as per the Town Council’s policy.

## Home Start Cheshire

**Resolved:** The grant application for £250 was approved.

## Just Drop In

**Resolved:** The grant application for £1,468 was approved.

## Macclesfield College

**Resolved:** The grant application for £2000 was approved and the Town Clerk is to confirm that the garden can be accessed by the community.

## St. Peter’s Church

**Resolved:** The grant application for £625 was approved.

## Disability Information Bureau / Shopmobility

**Resolved:** The grant application for £1,618.89 was approved.

## The Eye Society

**Resolved:** The grant application for £250 was approved.

Total Approved: £10,179.89

# Grant Updates

## Grant update report

The report was noted.

# Ward Budget Applications and Updates

## West and Ivy Community Garden Update

The report was noted.

# Micro Grant

## Successful grant for Repair Café £100.

The grant was noted.

# Finances

## Spend to Date

**Resolved:** The spend to date (end of JUL 21) of £283,871 was approved for recommendation to Full Council on 20th September 2021.

## Reports

**Resolved:** The following reports were noted:

* Receipts and Payments
* Bank Reconciliation
* Income and Expenditure

## Notice of Conclusion of Audit year ending 31 March 2021

The report was noted.

# Governance Review

## Grant Policy

**Resolved:**

* That the Grants and Donations Polices keep the point that staff costs will not be covered.
* Staff Costs can be put in the application if funded elsewhere and are used as match funding.
* The Grants forms have an additional question: ‘What will the amount you request from the Town Council specifically pay for?’
* In the Grants over £2,000 policy in order to be completely clear that the Town Council expects match funding for large grants, it is removed on page 2 ‘*Any match funding would be advantageous’* as on page 6 (point 5i) it states ‘*it is essential that large community grants demonstrate a match funding commitment’*. Therefore, the above point on page 2 and also point 5h on page 6 will be removed.

# Budget 2022/23

The Town Clerk updated on the budget setting process for the year 2022/3, the budget will be on the agenda of Services Committee on 8th November 2021, Finance Committee on 22nd November 2021 and Full Council for final approval on 6th December 2021

# Member Items

There were no Member Items.

# Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

# Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 7pm on 22nd November 2021, at a location and format to be confirmed subject to relevant current Covid-19 guidance.

Meeting closed at 8:16pm.

Chair Cllr Neil Puttick.

Cler Laura Smith.