

**Finance Committee Meeting
22 April 2021**

Present: Councillors Bugge, Dodson, G Eccles, J Eccles, Hardacre, Kenyon, Wilson and the town clerk.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

NB – This meeting was held simultaneously online in accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect to HRH Duke of Edinburgh.

415 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hirst, Pringle and Womersley.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

416 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs G Eccles and J Eccles each declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 – Newstead View, Fitzwilliam.

417 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2021 be approved.

418 SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved that the minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 25 March 2021 be approved.

419 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for March 2021 be approved.

420 COUNCIL OPERATIONS - COVID

Resolved that:

- The Lakeside Café Bar will re-open on 17 May 2021 with a reduced menu and COVID secure measures in place.
- Other council properties are either closed or are open with COVID secure measures in place for exempt activities.
- A further general review to be held in due course and/or when circumstances change.

421 FITZWILLIAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Resolved that the community centre will re-open from 21 June 2021 with COVID secure measures in place.

422 HEMSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE - TELECOMS

The town clerk reported that the telecoms contract is due to expire in November and that he is currently seeking quotes.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

423 HEALTH AND SAFETY

Resolved that the quote for one year from Ellis Whittam be accepted.

424 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The town clerk reported on the (anonymized) freedom of information requests received.

Resolved that the town clerk be authorized to respond accordingly to the freedom of information requests.

425 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

426 COMMUNITY CENTRE – FOOT CLINIC

Resolved that having received and reviewed the correspondence from the foot clinic, the license renewal offer remains the same.

427 NEWSTEAD VIEW, FITZWILLIAM

Due to their respective pecuniary interests Cllr G Eccles and Cllr J Eccles took no part in this item and as such, Cllr Kenyon assumed the chair.

Resolved that:

- The requested information be issued to the solicitor concerned.
- The public consultation has been extended (by the council) until 30 June 2021.
- A site visit has been arranged for 30 April 2021 to hear the views of residents.
- A public meeting will be held in due course at the Fitzwilliam Centre, COVID restrictions permitting.

Cllr J Eccles resumed the chair at this juncture.

428 NORTHERN POWERGRID

Resolved that the requested payment to Northern Powergrid be approved.

429 BANK STREET

Resolved that the enquiry regarding possible sale of 1 Bank Street be declined.

430 STAFFING MATTERS

Resolved that:

- The overtime for the member of staff concerned can be taken as time off in lieu.
- A former member of staff be appointed on a temporary basis but with the same terms and conditions to cover the sickness absence of a member of staff.

431 LAKESIDE FLAT

Resolved that this item be deferred.

432 KIRKBY ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

The town clerk provided an update on matters pertaining to the sports complex.

Resolved that:

- The report of the town clerk be noted and approved.
- The advice of Richard Buxton and Matthew Hutchings continue to be accepted and approved.

The meeting closed at 18:50.