

**Finance Committee Meeting
28 September 2022**

Present: Councillors Dodson, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, Middleton, Moran, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and the town clerk.

Sixteen members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

172 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Eccles and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

174 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matter:

- The cost of any potential legal action in respect of the Kirkby Road site.

175 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022 be approved.

176 SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved that the minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 18 August 2022 be approved.

177 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for August 2022 be approved.

178 BUDGET UPDATE

The town clerk provided a budget monitoring report for the first quarter in that the council is 8% over budget and that consequently the council should be cautious in its spending.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

179 GRANT REQUEST

Resolved that a grant of £250 be awarded to 'Springfield Allotment Community Klub', in accordance with section 1, Localism Act 2011.

180 'WARMS BANKS'

Resolved that 'warm banks' be set up during the winter at the respective community centres in Hemsworth and Fitzwilliam.

181 ENERGY COSTS

The town clerk provided an update on the council's foreseeable energy costs through the winter, including the government's energy bill relief scheme.

Resolved that the report of the town clerk be noted and approved.

182 WATER DISPENSERS

Resolved that this item be deferred.

183 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.

184 HEMSWORTH WATER PARK – PATH RESURFACING TENDER

Resolved that the tender from J's Groundforce be accepted and approved.

185 OUT OF HOURS SECURITY

Resolved that the services of WMDC be procured for out of hours security.

186 KIRKBY ROAD – POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUE

Resolved that the council's concerns regarding the lack of affordable housing and the section 106 contribution be conveyed to WMDC.

The meeting closed at 20:05.