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**Minutes of the Meeting of Corfe Mullen Town Council**  
**held on Tuesday 12 January 2021 via Zoom on the rising of the Finance & Administration Committee**

**Present:**           **Councillors**  
D Sowry-House (Mayor)  
M Barron  
A Craven  
D Everett  
P Harrison  
A Holland  
P Holland  
B Honeyman  
T Howard  
S Jefferies  
J Lortie  
D Mattocks  
P Purvis  
J Stennett

**In Attendance:** Nicola Gray (Town Clerk)  
Catherine Horsley (Deputy Town Clerk) (minute taker)

**Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

**TC 20/123 To Receive and Accept apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

No apologies for absence were received.

**TC 20/124 To Record any declarations of interest** Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

The following declarations of interest were made:

Cllr Harrison as a Trustee of the Youth Trust, Growing Compassionate Communities, and a member of the Carnival Committee.

Cllr Craven as Clerk to the Phelipps Trust.

Cllr Jefferies as Chairman of the Youth Trust and a Trustee of Corfe Mullen Sports Association.

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Cllr Honeyman as a Trustee of the Youth Trust.

**TC 20/125 To Approve minutes of meeting held on 15 December 2020** LGA 1972, sch 12, para 41 **A**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 were APPROVED.

**TC 20/126 To consider recommendation from the Finance & Administration Committee regarding Grant Applications:** **B**

The recommendations from the Finance & Administration Committee relating to small grant applications for 2020/21 were considered and discussed by members and it was agreed to award the following grants:

| Organisation                                       | Project Cost £                    | Requested £     | Suggested £ | Approved £ |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|
| East Dorset Beekeepers Association                 | 170                               | 170             | 170         | 170        |
| Phelipps Charity                                   | Varies upon number of applicants  | 500             | 250         | 100        |
| Corfe Mullen Foodbank                              | 520.81                            | 520.81          | 520.81      | 520.81     |
| Vision Wimborne Dial-a-ride                        | None specified, as ongoing costs. | 500             | 250         | 150        |
| Corfe Mullen Carnival                              | 10,000                            | 1,250           | 800         | 800        |
| Growing Compassionate Communities                  | 800                               | 800             | 350         | 200        |
| Corfe Mullen Carnival Christmas Lights Appeal Fund | 7,500                             | 2,000           | 1500        | 1500       |
| East Dorset Tourist Information Centre             | Unknown                           | 500             | 400         | 200        |
|  |                                   | Total: £6240.81 | £4240.81    | £3,640.81  |

Remaining grant applications from East Dorset Citizens Advice, Legs and Company Leg Club and Corfe Mullen Fun Run and Children's one-mile Fun Run were all held and would be further considered once further information from the organisations had been received.

It was agreed at the request of the Mayor to have the Remembrance Sunday wreath donation of £50 allocated from the Chairman's allowance rather than awarded as a small grant.

A total of £710 remained unallocated. Cllr Sowry-House proposed to agree the recommendations from the Finance & Administration Committee, which was seconded by Cllr Harrison as Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee and unanimously agreed by members.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

East Dorset Beekeepers Association £170  
Phelipps Charity £100  
Corfe Mullen Foodbank £520.81  
Vision Wimborne Dial-a-ride £150  
Corfe Mullen Carnival £800  
Growing Compassionate Communities £200  
Corfe Mullen Carnival Christmas Lights Appeal Fund £1,500  
East Dorset Tourist Information Centre £200

It was **RESOLVED** to consider the outstanding grants once further information was received and reallocate the poppy donation from the Chairman's allowance.

Cllr Jefferies noted discussion at the Finance & Administration Committee relating to organisations returning unspent grants and asked if the Carnival Committee would be returning monies due to event not going ahead during the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr Harrison understood the unspent grants relating to the Carnival had been returned.

#### **Revenue funding for Corfe Mullen Youth Trust 2021/22**

It was noted previously, the Town Council had unanimously agreed to support the Youth Trust for 2021/22 totalling £36,540 to cover rent and salary costs.

Members also noted the comments made at the previous year's meeting whereby discussion in respect of the Youth Trust pursuing funding from other sources took place and the need to discuss this further before awarding any further revenue grants to the Youth Trust.

The revenue funding for Corfe Mullen Youth Trust was NOTED.

#### **TC 20/127 To consider recommendations from the Finance & Administration Committee on draft Budget and Precept for the 2021/22 financial year**

The recommendations from the Finance & Administration Committee relating to the draft budget and Precept for the 2021/22 financial year were considered by members.

Cllr Sowry-House proposed to agree to the recommendations to increase the Precept for the 2021/22 financial year by 20%, which was seconded by Cllr Harrison. Of the 14 members present 10 members voted in favour and 4 members voted against the proposal. There were no abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Precept for the 2021/22 financial year by 20% which would equate to £16.04 per annum, or £1.34 per month, or 4p per day on a Band D Property.

It was **RESOLVED** to revisit the draft budget for final approval due to the lack of time left in the meeting to facilitate a line-by-line check, although any changes would not impact the precept agreed, only provide a minor decrease or increase to the level of reserves to be used.



**TC 20/128 Matters for Forthcoming Agendas** No decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>

**Verbal**

The Clerk noted the Dorset Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan would be included on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting scheduled on 26 January 2021.

Cllr Sowry-House asked if the Dorset Councillors present had any further updates to share with members. Cllr Barron advised all households would receive a 'stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives' Covid-19 campaign leaflet week commencing 18 January 2021. Cllr Harrison had no further update.

**TC 20/129 To Agree a date and time for the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting would take place Tuesday 26 January 2021 at 19:45 via ZOOM.

**TC 20/130 Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 20:50.

Signed *J Sowry-House* .....

Date *4/3/2021* .....

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<sup>1</sup> Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business which are not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119)