

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017 at 6.45pm

### Present:

Cllr Ms Blair  
Cllr Chalmers (**Vice Chair**)  
Cllr Mrs Dixon – Dougherty (**Chair**)  
Cllr Mrs Kendall  
Cllr Pape (*Mayor ex officio*)  
Cllr H Potts  
Cllr F Potts  
Cllr Rooke (*Deputy Mayor ex officio*)

### Also in attendance:

Cllr Connell  
Cllr Dougherty  
Cllr Hayes  
Cllr Miss Hutchinson

### F1/04/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Mrs Anderton in respect of this meeting.

### F2/04/17 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Kendall declared a personal interest in relation to any items on the agenda that related to Eden District Council and also in agenda item 9. as she is a member of the Appleby-in-Westmorland Society committee.

### F3/04/17 Actions from the Previous Minutes

There were no actions from the previous minutes in respect of this meeting.

### F4/04/17 Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report in respect of this meeting.

### F5/04/17 Finance Report

The Clerk gave a verbal finance report and advised that these were the last management accounts for the financial year and that it was anticipated that expenditure would be less than the income giving a surplus in the year of between £5k and £10k. This is mainly due to not spending the building repairs budget. Cllr Kendall asked why Appleby in Bloom was still in the accounts the Clerk explained it needs to be renamed as it actually refers to the grant received from the Percy Fawcett fund which covers the cost of the Moot Hall troughs. Cllr H Potts advised that Colin Cheyne may be interested in restarting the Appleby in Bloom competition. The Clerk stated that she had recently discussed the matter with Mr Cheyne and it was unlikely he would have the time this year as he is Chair of Cumbria in Bloom. Cllr Chalmers asked what was involved in organising the competition. The Clerk advised that unfortunately there was a considerable amount of work involved and it had finished due to a lack of assistance and volunteers.

### F6/04/17 Review of banking arrangements and Signatories

It was agreed that consideration of the council's banking arrangements and account signatories would be deferred until the next meeting.

### F7/04/17 Direct Debits & Regular Payments 2017 - 2018

**ACTION**

**Clerk**

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It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Direct Debits and Regular Payments 2017 – 2018 be approved. The Clerk advised that the Council's gas supplier had now changed to Corona as part of the Cumbria County Council purchasing scheme..

**F8/04/17 Charity Accounts**

The Charity Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 were presented and the trustees and signatories reviewed. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the trustees and/or signatories approve and sign the accounts. It was also **RECOMMENDED** that the Trustees and/or signatories remain the same for the next financial year.

**F9/04/17 Appleby-in-Westmorland Society's Request for Reduction in Rental for Society Room**

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Appleby-in-Westmorland Society requesting a reduction in rent for the Society Room in the Public Hall. Further supporting information that had arrived that day was shared with the Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the Society that the Council could not consider a reduction at this time as the budget for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 does include any such allowance. It was **RECOMMENDED** that further consideration be given to the matter when determining the budget for the next financial year. It was also **RECOMMENDED** that the Clerk inform the Heritage Action Zone Partnership Board of the situation and provide advice with regard to other funding opportunities.

**F10/04/17 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**

Cllr Pape requested that further investigation should be taken regarding the heating of the Public Hall. Cllr H Potts agreed that he would work with Cllr Pape and explore the various options.

**F11/04/17 Date of the Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in the Moot Hall on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.45pm.**

ALL

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:

