

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROVE HOUSE, HIGH STREET NORTH,
DUNSTABLE**

ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2020

Present: Councillor Sid Abbott (Town Mayor), Liz Jones (Deputy Town Mayor), Peter Hollick (Chairman), Philip Crawley (Vice-Chairman), Wendy Bater, Matt Brennan, Gloria Martin

In Attendance: David Ashlee (Town Clerk and Chief Executive), Lucy Salim (Head of Finance and Support Services), John Crawley (Head of Grounds and Environmental Services) and Sharon Long (Democratic Services Manager)

Apologies for Absence: Mark Cant, John Gurney, Kenson Gurney, Cameron Restall and Johnson Tamara

Public Attendance: None

55 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 20 January 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no specific declarations of interest.

57 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

The Head of Finance and Support Services presented the financial monitoring report.

Members confirmed they were happy with the report and expenditure and had no questions on the report.

58 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW ACTION PLAN TO DELIVER DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSOCIATED MEMBERS WORKING GROUP

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive presented the report.

RESOLVED: that a Councillor led working group be established to develop an action plan that will help implement the Council's Environmental and Sustainable Policy. The following Members indicated their willingness to be a part of the proposed Working Group: Councillors Sid Abbott, Wendy Bater, Peter Hollick and Kenson Gurney.

Action: In light of the apologies received for the meeting, the Democratic Services Manager would email all Members asking if anyone else wished to be a part of the Working Group. A meeting

would be set up in due course, bearing in mind current government advice around social distancing and self-isolation for those in the “vulnerable” category.

59. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- a) CAB Management Committee – Councillor Bater reported she had been unwell and unable to attend the last Committee meeting.
- b) DITA – Councillor Hollick advised that he would get in touch with John Stevens to ascertain if the proposed June DITA event would go ahead in light of the current Covid 19 pandemic.
- c) Hospice at Home Management Committee – Councillor Jones reported that the organisation had had to cancel two proposed charity fundraisers.
- d) Ashton Almshouses Charity – Councillor Hollick advised the next meeting was due in June.

PART 2

The following items were considered after a resolution was passed excluding the press and public.

60. BAD DEBT REPORT

Members considered the report, were satisfied with the proposed action to be taken, and passed a resolution to that effect.

61. COVID 19 CONTINGENCY PLAN

Members were satisfied that the plan was appropriate and passed two resolutions supporting the action recommended.