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Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of Rugeley Town Council Full Council held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices
7.30pm Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

P Ansell	A Cooney
R Dipple	D Gaye
G Grant	I Gunner
N Mahon (Chair)	C Martin
I Pyke	N Stanley
K Tait-Green	

Also Present: H Goodreid (Town Clerk)
1 resident

Min No	Item	Action
119 119.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Green, Hodgson, Hughes, Lyons, Panter-Hood, Szklarczyk and Turner.	
120 120.1	Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests None	
121 121.1	To receive any requests for dispensation A request had been received from Cllr Szklarczyk to be absented from attending council and committee meetings owing to work commitments. It was proposed to grant dispensation to Cllr Szklarczyk to allow her not attend meetings and committees until end June 2022 and waive the 6-month rule for this time. <i>Proposed; Cllr Martin; Seconded: Cllr Cooney</i> It was agreed that Cllr Szklarczyk be permitted not to attend meetings until end June 2022 and for this not to affect the 6-month attendance rule.	
122 122.1	Chair to close the meeting for the public session. No items were brought to the floor.	
123 123.1	Chair to reopen the meeting. The Chair reopened the meeting.	

<p>124 124.1</p>	<p>To consider approving and signing the following council minutes: Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 1st December 2021</p>	
	<p>It was proposed to approve the minutes of Extraordinary Full Council on 1st December 2021.</p>	
	<p><i>Proposed: Cllr R Dipple; Seconded: Cllr P Ansell</i></p>	
	<p>It was agreed that the minutes of Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 1st December 2021 be approved.</p>	
	<p>124.2 Full Council on 1st December 2021</p>	
	<p>It was proposed to approve the minutes of Full Council on 1st December 2021.</p>	
	<p><i>Proposed: Cllr R Dipple; Seconded: Cllr I Pyke</i></p>	
	<p>It was agreed that the minutes of Full Council meeting on 1st December 2021 be approved.</p>	
	<p>124.3 Extraordinary Full Council Meeting on 26th January 2022</p>	
	<p>It was proposed to approve the minutes of Extraordinary Full Council on 26th January 2022 with the amendment to the Date of Next Meeting.</p>	
	<p><i>Proposed: Cllr N Stanley; Seconded: Cllr R Dipple</i></p>	
	<p>It was agreed that the amended minutes of Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 26th January 2022 be approved.</p>	
<p>125 125.1</p>	<p>Actions Arising Re the Community Transport – Clerk was waiting to hear from Brereton and Ravenhill parish council to set up a meeting.</p>	
<p>125.2</p>	<p>Clerk to set up Skate Park working Group.</p>	
<p>126 126.1</p>	<p>To note the minutes from the following committee meetings: Rose Committee 10th November 2021</p>	
<p>126.2</p>	<p>Rose Committee 8th December 2021</p>	
<p>126.3</p>	<p>Community Engagement Committee 10th November 2021</p>	
<p>126.4</p>	<p>Planning Committee 17th November 2021</p>	
<p>126.5</p>	<p>Finance and Management Committee 17th November 2021</p>	
	<p>The minutes were noted.</p>	
<p>127 127.1</p>	<p>Pantomime Following a decision taken at January Rose Committee, Chancel School had responded to the council requesting that the matter be reconsidered. 7 councillors had asked for the matter to be reconsidered at Full Council. Cllrs received a copy of the report and the letter from Chancel School.</p>	
	<p>It was proposed that as a gesture of goodwill, a full refund be made back to the Chancel School.</p>	
	<p><i>Proposed: Cllr R Dipple; Seconded; Cllr A Cooney</i></p>	
	<p>9 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions</p>	
<p>127.2</p>	<p>An amendment was proposed that the money be held but that we offer a discount against purchase of tickets for the 2022 pantomime.</p>	
	<p><i>Proposed; Cllr C Martin; Seconded: Cllr G Grant</i></p>	

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	<p>2 for, 7 against, 2 abstentions</p> <p>It was agreed that a full refund be made to the Chancel School.</p>	
128	Local Council Award Scheme	
128.1	<p>Cllrs had received a paper documenting the actions that had been taken by the council to get itself ready to apply for Quality Gold Level of the Local Council Award Scheme. This would build on the Foundation level achieved in 2017, and the Quality level achieved in 2018.</p>	
128.2	<p>It was proposed to agree that the criteria for Foundation and Quality levels continued to be met.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr A Cooney; Seconded: Cllr G Grant</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the criteria for Foundation level and Quality Level LCAS continued to be met.</p>	
128.3	<p>It was proposed that Cllrs affirm that the council meets the criteria to apply for Quality Gold level.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr A Cooney; Seconded: Cllr C Martin</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the council meet the criteria for the Quality Gold award application.</p>	
128.4	<p>It was proposed that the funding to apply for Quality Gold status (£250) be found from a budget to be agreed by Finance and Management Committee on 16th February 2022.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr N Stanley; Seconded; Cllr G Grant</i></p> <p>It was agreed that £250 be found from a budget to be found by F and M Committee in February to pay for the application.</p>	
129	Policy Timetable	
129.1	<p>Cllrs considered a plan to review all of the councils' policies over the coming year.</p>	
129.2	<p>It was agreed that the policies be divided into three sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Those that are internal policies specific to this council. 2) Those that by law must be approved in May each year 3) Those that are formed through government policy and therefore only need changing if government policy changes 	
129.3	<p>It was agreed that the Clerk would bring policies to full council in the above order.</p>	
130	Arts Council Grant Refund	
130.1	<p>It was proposed to refund the funding of £84,600 to Arts Council England which had been received in error.</p> <p><i>Proposed: Cllr R Dipple; Seconded; Cllr A Cooney.</i></p> <p>It was agreed that the £84,600 received in error from Arts Council England, be returned.</p>	
131	Councillors Vacancy	
131.1	<p>Following the Notice of Vacancy, there had been no call for an election. Cllrs agreed to advertise the vacancy as soon as possible. It would be</p>	

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	<p>possible to hold interviews of applicants at an extraordinary meeting before the March Full Council meeting, but a decision would be taken on this once the applications had been received. <i>Proposed: Cllr N Mahon; Seconded: Cllr A Cooney</i> The motion was agreed.</p>	
<p>132 132.1</p>	<p>Chairs / Vice Chairs Report Cllr Mahon had attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uttoxeter Civic Service • Lichfield Carol Service • Stone Carol Service <p>Cllr Ansell was due to attend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon meeting on 8th Feb (Cllr Mahon to attend as well). • Race Night at Lichfield Town Council 	
<p>133 133.1</p>	<p>Exclusion of the Public The public were excluded from the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.</p>	
<p>134 134.1</p>	<p>Staffing Matters It was agreed that the comment made by Cllr Gaye at Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 26th January 2022 had been misleading and Cllr Gaye made clear that he did not have concerns about the management of the councils' budgets.</p>	<p>Cllr Gaye to apologise to the member of staff concerned</p>
<p>135 135.1</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of Full Council would be Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.30pm.</p>	

The meeting finished at 8:43pm.

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