

## **Rugeley Town Council**

Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held in the Council Chamber at 7.30pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

COUNCILLORS: A. Cooney R. Dipple

D. Gaye G. Grant I. Hodgson C. Martin

I. Pyke N. Stanley (Chair)

ALSO PRESENT: H Goodreid – Town Clerk

K Roberts – Responsible Financial Officer

M Davey – Town Councillor

Min No	Item	Action
72	Apologies	
72.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Hughes.	
73	Declarations of Interest	
73.1	Cllr Stanley declared an interest in item 79 as he was one of the payees.	
73.2	Cllr Dipple declared an interest in item 79 payment to Fine Flowers.	
74	To receive any requests for dispensation	
74.1	None were received.	
75	Chair to close meeting for public session	
75.1	No members of the public were in attendance.	
76	Chair reopened the Meeting	
77	Minutes	
77.1	The minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved.  Proposed: Cllr Gaye; Seconded: Cllr Dipple  The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.	

<b>78</b> 78.1	Matters Arising All Matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda with the	Town Clerk to
70.1	exception of the external auditor compensation – Town Clerk to chase.	chase
<b>79</b> 79.1	Payments It was proposed that all payments recorded to 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 and on the creditors list be approved.  Proposed: Cllr Grant; Seconded; Cllr Martin The payments were approved and signed and are attached to the minutes.	Reports attached to the minutes.
<b>80</b> 80.1	Income and Expenditure Report The Income and Expenditure reports for September 2022 were proposed for approval.  Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Dipple It was agreed to approve the income and expenditure reports for September 2022.	Reports attached to the minutes.
<b>81</b> 81.1	Bank Reconciliations It was proposed that the Bank Reconciliations for September 2022 be approved.  Proposed: Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Gaye It was agreed to approve the Bank Reconciliations for September 2022.	Reports attached to the minutes.
<b>82</b> 82.1	Annual Budget and Precept Discussion  Clirs received the latest overall budget sheet for the 2022/2023 year showing spend to end of month 6. Clirs noted that the Christmas Lights had increased in cost for the coming years and associated electricity costs would also increase. Clirs noted the document and agreed to revisit it at November F & M.	To be placed on the November F & M agenda
<b>83</b> 83.1	Electricity Prices for the Town Council and Theatre Buildings Cllrs were advised that the current contract ends on 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023. Cllrs received tables of costs from two brokers and noted that the electricity bills for the forthcoming year would increase more than 3 times.	
83.2	It was proposed that the Council go with TUS from the end of the current OPUS Contract at a cost of circa £63,000 p.a. It was proposed to see if TUS could change the contract to a 1 <sup>st</sup> April start date and see if OPUS would allow their current prices to run up to that start date.  *Proposed: Cllr Cooney; Seconded: Cllr Dipple  The motion was agreed	RFO to secure new contract
83.3	It was proposed that the Town Clerk work with Equans to see if solar	Town Clerk to
63.3	panels on the Town Council and Rose Theatre roof would be a suitable option for the future.  Proposed; Cllr Dipple; Seconded: Cllr Pyke  The motion was agreed	follow up

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84.1	It was proposed that Cllrs at Full Council consider the alterations at the November meeting.	To be placed on Full Council agenda for 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022.
<b>85</b> 85.1	Financial Regulations Cllrs considered the changes to the Financial Regs and made changes to paras 3.2, 4.4, 5.5c, 5.5d, 6.6, 6.8, 6.13 and 11.1. It was proposed that these changes be recommended to Full Council for approval.  Proposed: Cllr Hodgson; Seconded: Cllr Cooney The motion was agreed.	To be placed on Full Council agenda for 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022.
<b>86</b> 86.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022.	

There being no further matters the meeting concluded at 8:26pm



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