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## **Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting**

**held in the Council Chamber, Emersons Green Town Council,**

**1900hrs on Thursday 23rd February 2023.**

- Present:** Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), David Somers (Deputy Mayor), Caroline Johnson, Richard Nichols, and Christopher Edwardson.
- Absent:** None.
- In attendance:** Town Clerk, Ian Lyons.
- Apologies:** Councillors Colin Hunt and James Hunt,
- Public:** Four members of the public attended the meeting.
- Notes:** The meeting began at 1900hrs. All resolutions are passed with a majority vote, by a show of hands, unless otherwise stated.

### **FIN\_2022.112 Election.**

**Motion:** In the absence of Cllr James Hunt (Chair), it was moved by Cllr Richard Nichols, supported by Cllr Christopher Edwardson, and resolved that:

**Resolved:** Cllr Caroline Johnson Chair this meeting.

### **FIN\_2022.113 Welcome and Introductions.**

**Minutes:** Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) welcomed everyone present at the meeting and explained the emergency procedures.

### **FIN\_2022.114 Declaration of Interest – Localism Act 2011.**

**Minutes:** Cllr Caroline Johnson reminded members of the requirement to declare an interest. Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor) declared an interest in item FIN\_2022.118 Mangotsfield Festival.

### **FIN\_2022.115 Public Participation.**

**Minutes:** Four members of the public were present and requested to speak about their respective grant applications on the agenda. Cllr Caroline Johnson announced

the decision to allow each member of the public to speak for 5 minutes at the start of their item on the agenda and take questions from Councillors afterward.

## **COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION**

### **FIN\_2022.116 Minutes.**

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Christopher Edwardson, supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 26th of January 2023, copies having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

**Minutes:** The minutes were signed at the meeting by Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair).

### **FIN\_2022.117 Outstanding items from the previous minutes.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), the Town Clerk delivered a summary of the work undertaken as a result of the resolutions and action points from the previous meetings. As follows:

- The Coronation of His Majesty the King event was approved at Full Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.
- A contract for mobile telephones and related insurance has been commissioned with EE.
- The Citizens Advice grant uplift was approved by the Full Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

### **FIN\_2022.118 Mangotsfield Festival.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), Chris Amos, a member of the public representing the Mangotsfield Festival organisation, gave a presentation, which can be found at Annex B. Following this, the Town Clerk provided advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A. After that, Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) invited questions from members, and Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor) left the room.

To begin with, Cllr Richard Nichols asked questions about the security arrangements, and raised concerns about the organisations' donations to other groups. In reply, the committee had arranged Marshalls at key locations, and confirmed that donations had been given to other groups and further donations were planned.

Next, Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor) asked if program sales could generate revenue for the festival. In reply, the suggestion was noted for the festival committee to consider it.

After this, Cllr Christopher Edwardson asked about the outcome of the consultation with South Glos Council. In reply, this had been positive.

Finally, Cllr Caroline Johnson asked about the parking arrangements. In reply, there were agreements in place for parking at Pomphrey, and the potential for using Mangotfield FC. Furthermore, a shuttle bus was being considered.

In summary, Cllr Richard Nichols expressed further concern over donations to other organisations. As a result,

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Richard Nichols, supported by Cllr Christopher Edwardson, and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Mangotsfield Festival organisation for £4,000 towards the costs of the annual event.

### **FIN\_2022.119 Ham Farm Festival.**

**Minutes:** Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor) rejoined the meeting. At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), Emily Correa, a member of the public representing the Ham Farm Festival organisation, gave a five-minute verbal presentation, summarising the background and overview of the festival. This consisted of 'top-level professional musicians and bands', which had been described in feedback as a 'Jewel in the Crown' of Emersons Green. Furthermore, it was reported that the organisation was seeking charitable status, and had already begun acting as such, with five trustees supporting the application.

Following this, the Town Clerk provided advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A, along with positive feedback from the previous grant application. Previous events were described as professionally run, high quality, emotionally moving, and well attended. After that, Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) invited questions from members.

To begin with, Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor) questioned how widely the event was advertised. In reply, Emily listed dozens of articles and flyers in the local Voice, door-to-door, Sainsburys, waiting rooms, magazines, social media, Radio Bradley Stoke, and even a segment with the BBC.

Next, Cllr Richard Nichols commented in favour of the group seeking charitable status and raised questions about the attendance figures, and main costs of the event. In reply, it was reported that approximately 150 residents attended each day of the Festival (450 in total). In addition to this, outreach and other fringe drop-in events took place, including care home concerts. The main costs of the event were reported to be the musicians' fees.

After that, Cllr Christopher Edwardson asked about a wet weather plan. The Town Clerk confirmed that a previous wet weather plan worked well on the day the grant visit took place. Finally:

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Christopher Edwardson, supported by Cllr Richard Nichols, and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Ham Farm Festival organisation for £5,000 towards the costs of the annual event.

## **FIN\_2022.120 EARTHfest.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), Chris Sunderland, a member of the public representing the Friends of Emersons Green Park organisation, gave a five-minute verbal presentation, summarising the background and overview of the festival, which had changed its name to celebrate the relationship with the Earth. The event would include storytellers, naturalists, and stalls or workshops from Avon wildlife, EGTC Nature Reserve, Friends of Emersons Green Park. Then, Chris reminded the Council of the long-standing relationship and successful joint ventures with the Council, such as the work at Green Lane. Its membership was well supported, over 200, with at least 12 people a week turning out to improve Emersons Green Park, rain or shine.

Following this, the Town Clerk provided advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A. After that, Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) invited questions from members.

To begin with, Cllr Caroline Johnson asked why the funding request was lower than previous years. In reply, it was reported that the organisation had become more efficient and independent, with small reserves held for contingencies. However, the event would not take place without this grant. After that,

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Friends of Emersons Green Park organisation for £4,350 towards the costs of the annual event.

## **FIN\_2022.121 Lyde Green Community Event.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), the Town Clerk provided the background, summary, and advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A. After this, Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) welcomed the application from the Lyde Green area and invited further questions and comments from members. There were none. After that,

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), supported by Cllr David Somers (Deputy Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Lyde Green Community Association for £750 towards the costs of the 'Summer Sizzler' community event.

## **FIN\_2022.122 Mangotsfield Rainbows.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), the Town Clerk provided the background, summary, and advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A. After that:

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Richard Nichols, supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee recommends that Full Council consider a grant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mangotsfield Rainbows for £600 towards a climbing trip.

**FIN\_2022.123 Emersons Green Ladies Group.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), the Town Clerk provided the background, summary, and advice, which can be found in the Clerk's Report at Annex A. After that:

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee recommends that Full Council consider a grant to the Emersons Green Ladies group for £250 towards the costs of an event marking the coronation, subject to providing a suitable constitution.

**FINANCE**

**FIN\_2022.124 Bank Reconciliations.**

**Minutes:** The committee read the circulated documents and they were signed by the Chair.

**FIN\_2022.125 Monthly Payments & Investments.**

**Minutes:** Members examined the schedule, and Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) invited questions from members. To begin with, Cllr Richard Nichols questioned the purchase of additional keys. In reply, the Town Clerk explained that additional keys were necessary to facilitate after-hours access to the building by staff and Councillors. After that:

**Motion:** It was moved by Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The monthly payments list, copies having been circulated, be approved, and signed by the Chair.

**Minutes:** The Chair signed the payments list.

**FIN\_2022.126 Budget Monitoring.**

**Minutes:** Members reviewed the circulated documents and Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) invited questions from members. The committee reviewed the cost centre for stationery on the projector and had no further questions.

## PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTS

### **FIN\_2022.127 Procurement – Insurance.**

**Minutes:** At the invitation of Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair), the Town Clerk provided the background, summary, and advice, which can be found in the Clerk’s Report at Annex A. After that:

**Motion:** It was moved by Caroline Johnson (Chair), supported by Cllr Simon Budd (Mayor), and resolved that:

**Resolved:** The Finance Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to purchase the annual insurance policy for the Council, example copies having been circulated.

### **FIN\_2022.128 Dates and Timings.**

**Minutes:** Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) announced that the next meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled to take place:

**Thursday 30th March 2023 at 1900hrs in the Emersons Green Town Council Chamber.**

Cllr Caroline Johnson (Chair) concluded the formal business of the meeting at 2028hrs and announced that an informal ‘round-table’ discussion would take place afterward.



**EMERSONS GREEN**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**REPORT OF:** TOWN CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

**TO:** FINANCE COMMITTEE

**REPORT DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

**Contact Details:** Ian Lyons  
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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with official advice and recommendations from the Town Councils proper officer for the following meeting:

**Finance Committee, The Council Chamber of Emersons Green Town Council,  
Thursday 23rd February 2023 commencing at 1900hrs.**

**AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.117**

**Outstanding Items.**

To report that:

- The Coronation of His Majesty the King event was approved at Full Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.
- A contract for mobile telephones and insurance has been commissioned with EE.
- The Citizens Advice grant uplift was approved by the Full Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

## GRANT APPLICATIONS

### AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.118 Mangotsfield Festival.

#### LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT

- Local Government Act 1972, s.145.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- *If necessary:*
- Resolve that: “The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Mangotsfield Festival organisation for £5,000 towards the costs of the annual event.”

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 “Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people.”
- To deliver the vision for the Council to “play its part in supporting the wider social and economic ambitions and aspirations of the area.”<sup>1</sup>
- To live up to the mission statement of the Council, which states, “using its allowable powers, Emersons Green Town Council will do all it can to create a welcoming and vibrant town, promoting civic pride and improving the quality of life for those who live, work and visit.”<sup>2</sup>
- To increase public participation and engagement with the Council.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & RISKS

If the committee fully approves this round of grant applications, totalling £15,950, it cannot be fully achieved within the current budget of £40,000, which includes £20,000 for s.137. The level of grants awarded year to date, including liabilities, is currently at £30,403, of which £3,400 is s.137 spending. Therefore, the remaining balance is £9,597 in total, for any type of grant, and would result in a budget overspend of £6,353. However, the Council has substantial reserves held in General Contingency, earmarked reserves, with a year-end forecast of £237,772.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

A large proportion of the footprint could be mitigated by encouraging sustainable travel to attend the event, and by reducing the waste created by event partners. This is a matter that Councillors could ask the event organiser to consider.

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<sup>2</sup> EGTC (2022) Strategic Plan 2022 – 2027 p.4 ‘Emersons Green Mission Statement’.

## **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.119 Ham Farm Festival.**

### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.145.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS**

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- *If necessary:*
- Resolve that: "The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Ham Farm Festival organisation for £5,000 towards the costs of the annual event."

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 "Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people."<sup>3</sup>
- To deliver the vision for the Council to "play its part in supporting the wider social and economic ambitions and aspirations of the area."<sup>3</sup>
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## **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.120 EARTHfest.**

### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.145.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS**

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- *If necessary:*
- Resolve that: "The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Friends of Emersons Green Park organisation for £4,350 towards the costs of the annual event."

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 "Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people."
- To deliver the vision for the Council to "play its part in supporting the wider social and economic ambitions and aspirations of the area."<sup>5</sup>
- To live up to the mission statement of the Council, which states, "using its allowable powers, Emersons Green Town Council will do all it can to create a welcoming and vibrant town, promoting civic pride and improving the quality of life for those who live, work and visit."<sup>6</sup>
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## **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.121 Lyde Green Community Event.**

### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.145.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS**

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- *If necessary:*
- Resolve that: "The Finance Committee approves a grant to the Lyde Green Community Association for £750 towards the costs of the 'Summer Sizzler' community event."

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 "Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people."<sup>7</sup>
- To deliver the vision for the Council to "play its part in supporting the wider social and economic ambitions and aspirations of the area."<sup>7</sup>
- To live up to the mission statement of the Council, which states, "using its allowable powers, Emersons Green Town Council will do all it can to create a welcoming and vibrant town, promoting civic pride and improving the quality of life for those who live, work and visit."<sup>8</sup>
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## **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.122 Mangotsfield Rainbows.**

### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.137.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS**

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- *If necessary:*
- Resolve that: “The Finance Committee recommends that Full Council approve a grant to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mangotsfield Rainbows for £600 towards a climbing trip.”

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 “Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people.”
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## **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.123 Emersons Green Ladies Group.**

### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.137.
- Finance Committee Terms of Reference, function 7.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER CONTROLS**

- Decide on the merits of the grant application.
- Consider a conditional grant, subject to providing a suitable constitution.
  
- *If necessary:*
  
- Resolve that: “The Finance Committee recommends that Full Council approves a grant to the Emersons Green Ladies group for £250 towards the costs of an event marking the coronation, subject to providing a suitable constitution.”

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- The merits of the grant application should be debated, including the impact on Climate Change.
- To meet strategic objective E4 “Draw up a plan to provide more community-based events for local people.”
- To deliver the vision for the Council to “play its part in supporting the wider social and economic ambitions and aspirations of the area.”<sup>11</sup>
- To live up to the mission statement of the Council, which states, “using its allowable powers, Emersons Green Town Council will do all it can to create a welcoming and vibrant town, promoting civic pride and improving the quality of life for those who live, work and visit.”<sup>12</sup>
- To increase public participation and engagement with the Council.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & RISKS**

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### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT**

A large proportion of the footprint could be mitigated by encouraging sustainable travel to attend the event, and by reducing the waste created by event partners. This is a matter that Councillors could ask the event organiser to consider.

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## **PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTS**

### **AGENDA ITEM: FIN\_2022.127 Procurement - Insurance**

#### **LEGAL POWER OR DUTY TO ACT**

- Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- Resolve that: “The Finance Committee delegates authority to the Town Clerk to purchase the annual insurance policy for the Council, example copies having been circulated.”

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- To allow time for the asset register to be updated accurately.
- To meet the legal obligations of the Council.
- To meet the requirements of the internal and external auditors.
- To protect the Council against public and employer liabilities.
- To financially safeguard the Council’s assets.

Almost everything the Council does relies on the protection of insurance. Clearly, the reputation of the Council would be damaged if it were to be uninsured, even for a short period of time. This is a statutory legal requirement, and there really is no other sensible option.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Council has agreed on a budget of £2,200 for insurance in 2023/24, which should easily meet the needs of the Council.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT**

Whilst this decision is likely to have a neutral impact, the cost of insurance is likely to rise if Climate Change related events, such as extreme weather, continue to increase in severity.



# Mangotsfield Village Festival

## Showcasing local talent

### WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

#### **SUPPORTED BY**



- To run a Festival of Arts with craft and village fairs and exhibitions within the village of Mangotsfield
- To give the people the opportunity to watch, listen, learn about and join in with traditional music, dance and song.
- To give platforms for performances by local musicians and dancers of all ages
- To bring together local schools, churches and other not-for-profit groups and organisations and to showcase their activities and provide an opportunity for them to raise funds.
- To run a Community Award Programme as part of the festival committees pledge to support local groups and charities.
- To maintain and enhance the identity of Mangotsfield Village by encouraging local people to take an active role in their community



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## LAST FEW YEARS

- Cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid 19
- Cancelled in 2022 due to Covid and significant logistical and organisational issues
- New venue for 2023
  - Johnson Road Playing Field
  - S.Glos and PHCSA approval



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### SOME NUMBERS

- 31st Year
- 200+ in the Parade
- 4500+ visitors over the day, 1500 at any one time
- 10+ Arena Acts inc Local Primary Schools
- 10+ other entertainers inc 2 Headline Acts
- 40-50 Stalls, 50 / 50 Charity and Commercial
- In 2022 we gave £1000 to local schools and the church to help provide childrens entertainment
- A committee of 10 volunteers

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# Mangotsfield Village Festival

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### FINANCIALS

- |                |        |              |        |
|----------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| • 2019 revenue | £11600 | 2023 revenue | £12000 |
| • 2019 spend   | £13000 | 2023 Spend   | £16600 |
| • Loss of      | £ 1400 | Loss of      | £ 4600 |
- Notes:
  - The new location is on a public open space so we cannot charge entry. This results in a loss of revenue of circa £4000
    - We have budgeted to recover some from donations on the day but this is unpredictable
  - Things have gone up in price
  - Toilets, Staging and Insurance have doubled in cost.
  - We have listened to feedback on free activities for young people and this year we are introduction of a new Kids Zone at a cost of circa £500

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## HOW DOES EMERSONS GREEN TOWN COUNCIL HELP?

- Grants from Emersons Green Town Council help fund the Festival
- They provide a level of financial security when we are organising the Festival, allowing us to commit to providing facilities and entertainment.
- We know what we are going to spend, we do not know how much we are going to receive.

**WE WOULD REALLY STRUGGLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT  
OF EMERSONS GREEN TOWN COUNCIL**

**THANK YOU**



# Mangotsfield Village Festival

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AND FINALLY SOME FEEDBACK FROM AN ATTENDEE

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