

Seaham Town Council



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19th April, 2021,

MEETING 3

Finance and General Purposes Committee-Tuesday, 27th APRIL, 2021

In accordance with Paragraphs 7 & 10(2) (b) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. I hereby summon you to attend a Meeting of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE to be held online on Tuesday, 27th April, 2021.

Members of the press and public who wish to attend this meeting please email info@seaham.gov.uk to request the zoom login details.

**D Rickaby
Town Clerk**

A G E N D A

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

DECISION REQUIRED Accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct virtual council meetings.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH, 2021

DECISION REQUIRED The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record at the Full Council meeting held on 23rd March, 2021.

3. PAYSHEET NUMBER 12 – MARCH 2021

a) Expenditure

Attached at Appendix A is a schedule showing the expenditure from the Council's bank accounts this month, with relevant reports detailing payments made by BACS, Direct Debit, Online and Debit Card.

DECISION REQUIRED Members are asked to note the Direct Debits, Debit Card and Online Payments and endorsement of the action taken is requested.

DECISION REQUIRED Authority is requested for the BACS payments to be approved for payment.

b) Income

Attached at Appendix B is a schedule showing the total income received during the current month together with relevant reports.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

This item is for information purposes only.

c) Bank Balances

Attached at Appendix C is a statement of Bank balances held by the Council at the month end.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

This item is for information purposes only.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

a) Seaham Red Star Football Club

Attached at Appendix D is a grant application from Seaham Red Star Football Club who have requested a grant of £800.00 towards the cost of purchasing new goals and nets. Seaham Red Star Football Club have not received a grant within the last 3 years.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

Members further instructions are requested.

b) Seaham Park Cricket Club

Attached at Appendix E is a grant application from Seaham Park Cricket Club who have requested a grant of £1000 towards the cost of providing additional coaching equipment and coaching courses for the Junior Section as well as a seating area for the parents. Seaham Park Cricket Club received a grant of £900 in April 2019 and also a grant of £1000 in November 2020.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

Members further instructions are requested.

5. WORKS DEPOT RENTAL

WM Scott Memorials have made a request to rent space at the Works Depot for storage purposes for which Officers are seeking approval. The Finance Officer is suggesting a rent of £240 per month if members agree to the request.

**DECISION
REQUIRED**

Members approval is requested for the approval of the renting of the Works Depot and the amount suggested by Officers.

6. EVENTS

The Acting Town Council would like Councillors to give him formal approval to `organise this year's events with the proviso that if the events need to be postponed due to an outbreak of a new strain of Covid19 that the event can be moved to a later date. The Road Map to restrictions being lifted is still on course and larger public events expected to be allowed after 21st June 2021.

Armed Forces Day – Seaham Town Park – 26th June
Youth Festival – Seaham Town Park – 27th June
Brass Band Day – Terrace Green – 4th July
NHS Day – Seaham Town Park – 5th July
Seaham Carnival – Terrace Green – 16th – 18th July
Royal British Legion Anniversary (Filming of Tommy) – Terrace Green – 10/11th July
and 17th/18th July (not a major public event as first thought but might be good for
Seaham if we helped with making the film as good as possible by for example helping
with Fireworks or other special effects)
Shoreside Festival – Terrace Green – 31st July (a trail of existing art installations)
Seaham Food Festival – Terrace Green – 7th & 8th August
Seaham Air Raids – Terrace Green – 15th August (small event suggested by a
member of the public to mark the WW2 air raids of Seaham)
Seaham Pirates Festival – Terrace Green – 29th August
Seaham Fireworks Display – Seafront – 5th November
Seaham Remembrance Parade – 14th November
Seaham Christmas Lights – Church Street & Terrace Green – 26th November

DECISION Members to approve the above events.
REQUIRED

7. IN PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Currently the Government is insisting that all Council meetings must be in person after the elections on 6th May 2021. There are various organisations campaigning to keep virtual Council meetings running after this date but as yet the Government has not backed down, although Government meetings are being allowed to continue virtually. It is expected that most Councillors will have been vaccinated by then and that possibly most Councillors would be happy to attend the Town Hall once again for meetings. However, there maybe Councillors that are happier continuing to attend by way of video conferencing. Members are asked to discuss the issue and confirm whether they are happy with in person meetings, virtual meetings or hybrid meetings.

DECISION Members are asked to discuss the issue and confirm whether they are happy with in
REQUIRED person meetings, virtual meetings or hybrid meetings.

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