

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Tuesday
19th July 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Baptist Church, Keynsham

PRESENT: Councillors D Cooper, C Fricker, and B Simmons.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Town Clerk, Ian Kent – Responsible Financial Officer and
Katherine Sears – Deputy Town Clerk

24. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDED:

To defer the appointment of a Councillor as Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-2023 to the next meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

25. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RECOMMENDED

To defer the appointment of a Councillor as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2022-2023 to the next meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

26. CHAIRMANSHIP FOR THIS FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED:

That Councillor C Fricker be Chair for this meeting only.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors D Biddleston, H MacFie, A Halliday and D Cooper.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

29. DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

30. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 17th June 2022 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Clive Fricker. (Chair of this meeting).

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

32. UTILITY AID QUOTATION AND COVERING TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

The Finance and Policy Committee were minded to recommend the company Corona Energy but requested that Town Council Officers make some further investigations into this company especially in respect of whether their energy is renewable.

The Town Council RFO will give some guidance to Council in respect of the remaining companies that have quoted, in order that Council may make a decision in respect of the new energy contract for the Town Council starting in March 2023.

RESOLVED:

To recommend that Council consider the quotes and decide whether to sign up with a new energy supplier for March 2023.

33. LATE GRANT CLAIM REQUEST

RESOLVED:

To recommend that Council approve that Keynsham RFC be granted their award payment from 2021-2022 on the proviso that they produce receipts and make the claim by 31st August 2022. A letter to be sent to Keynsham RFC stating that all future claims must be submitted by the 31st March of the financial year that the grant scheme falls within.

34. REPORT ON BINS

RESOLVED:

To recommend that Town Council utilise monies from the annual bins budget (£2,500) for replacement bins to purchase the following: -

- (i) *That two new bins at a cost of £643.97 + VAT each plus anchor points depending on the surface of £30.64, be purchased and the Town Council staff prioritise where the bins are most needed.*
- (ii) *That three 90 litre bin liners at a cost of £44.49 + VAT each be purchased, and new wooden planter bin surrounds be constructed and planted up with alpines and succulents by the Town Council Grounds Maintenance Team. Suggestion these three new bins be trialled at Manor Road Playing Fields.*

Town Council staff to look into possible suppliers of concrete bins.

35. REPLACEMENT CRADLE SWINGS FOR MEMORIAL PARK & TEVIOT ROAD

RESOLVED:

To recommend that Town Council approve that six new cradle swings are purchased from company B. Four for Upper Memorial Play area and two for Teviot Road play area.

