

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 26th October 2021
Venue: Council Chamber
Time: 6.30pm
Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01579 384039
Portreeve & Mayor: Cllr Mike Tagg
Councillors: BROOKS, COAKLEY, GOLD, LONG, MOORE, MORGAN, POUND, STENTIFORD,
SMITH, TOLMAN & WATSON

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES**
Approval of the minutes of 28th September 2021.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
4. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**
To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.
5. **DISPENSATIONS** – To consider any requests for dispensations.
6. **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**
To approve the payments as circulated prior to the meeting.
7. **FOR DISCUSSION** – To consider using Google's G Suite Meet as an alternative to Zoom. **(scroll down for supporting information)**
8. **FOR DECISION** – to receive costings for an upgrade on the current coffee machine **(supporting information attached)**
9. **FOR DECISION** – to discuss a potential 'Renewable Energy' fund. Cllr Moore and RFO to lead.
10. **FOR DECISION** – To discuss the proposed solar installation on the existing roof. Cllr Moore to lead in the absence of Cllr Watson

11. FOR DECISION - To collate all the committees budget proposals for 2022/2023 in order to put forward a collective precept proposal to Full Council.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Jo Taylor, Town Clerk
20th October 2021

Supporting Information

Item 7. – We are currently paying £14.00 per month to use Zoom. We already have an annual contract to use G Suite which provides our Gmail and a host of other apps. One of which is Google Meet which is a similar platform to Zoom. The difference with Meet is that any one person can set up a meeting, with Zoom we have 1 licence with 1 user only being able to set up a meeting.

With Meet, any one Councillor can set up a meeting with another Councillor or individual. All Councillor tablets are compatible with Meet and all Councillors have a google account as this is how your Councillor email originates from. I have spoken with Dan Pollard and he informs me that there is no reason at all why we couldn't use it instead of Zoom. It may take a little while to become accustomed to be why pay for Zoom when we already have this facility?

Item 8. – PDF document attached with this email.