

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Property Committee** which was held **Monday, 15 December 2020** at 7pm via
videoconference

PRESENT	Councillor Guy Loosmore Councillor Mark Cooper Councillor Mrs Peggy Dow Councillor Nicholas Fogg Councillor Alexander Kirk Wilson Councillor Peter Cairns Councillor Susie Price Councillor Andy Wilson Councillor Jo Waltham	Chairman Town Mayor
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ALSO PRESENT	Mrs Shelley Parker Dawn Whitehall Councillor Bryan Castle Councillor Andrew Ross Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton Councillor Mervyn Hall Councillor Donald Heath Councillor Vanessa Hillier	Town Clerk Administrator Observing Observing Observing Observing Observing Observing
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

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APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

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DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked all committee members for their patience and hard work during an extremely difficult year. Thanks to a wonderful team of staff the Town Council had been able to achieve more than might have been expected.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 5 October 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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PROPERTY COMMITTEE BUDGET SETTING – 2021/2022

Members considered the committee's final budget requirements to recommend to the Finance & Policy Committee. Comments included:

- Whether the forecast income for the Town Hall was realistic given the uncertainty about the ability to hire it to the public for events during the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic – a reduction from £25,000 to £20,000 was agreed
- In line with anticipated reduced use of the Town Hall, to reduce forecast costs for water and sewerage from £1,500 to £1,000

- It was noted that lack of hiring meant that the Marlborough Community & Youth Centre was running at a considerable loss, although as a valuable asset to the town the Committee was content to continue subsidising it for what would hopefully be a temporary period of reduced income
- Whether, in recognition of the financial impact the Coronavirus pandemic may have on tenants, to forego the annual market based rent increase on Town Council properties to help support tenants through a period of financial uncertainty

RESOLVED: (i) with two amendments, to recommend the 2021/2022 Property Budget to the Finance & Policy Committee

RESOLVED: (ii) to keep residential rates at 2020/21 rates with no annual increase in 2021/22

The **Chairman** thanked Members and staff again for their support and hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman