WETHERBY TOWN COUNCIL
BUDGETS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: **Tuesday 10th May 2022**
Time: **16.30 hrs**
Location: **The Town Hall, Market Place, Wetherby**

Present: **Councillors Norma Harrington (Chair), Alan Lamb, Neil O'Byrne (Mayor) and Dawn Payne**

In attendance: **Iona Taylor, RFO**
Barry Riley, Acting Clerk (item 6 only).

1. Apologies – none.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensations – none.

3. Town Council payments to be made.

Supporting information for the following sample of payments was reviewed by Members:

3.1 £11,395.59 - UK Debt Management Office – Instalment for repayment for Town Hall works loan.
3.2 £100.00 – Abbotts Memorial Company – 13281, Gravedigging (Ashes, 1)
3.3 £456.00 – Black Event Furniture – 135999, Chair Hire
3.4 £979.78 – A J Promotions – 18063, Printed Mugs
3.5 £2,190.00 – Farm & Land Services Ltd – 6161, Cemetery Grasscutting

4. Platinum Jubilee payments.

It was **RESOLVED** that the RFO, in consultation with the Acting Clerk, be authorised to make interim payments in relation to the putting on of events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

These payments should not exceed the value of the income received as there is no provision for this event in the Council's revenue budget.

These payments will be authorised on the online banking system by two members of this Committee and reported to Full Council at its June meeting.

5. Town Hall payments to be made.

Supporting information for the following sample of payments was reviewed by Members:

5.1 £39.26 – Securi-Plex – 1008867, Alarm Works
5.2 £34,099.94 – Bullen Conservation Ltd – 2746, Stage Payment

6. Town Hall works.

The Acting Clerk advised the meeting that the works at the Town Hall are now not scheduled to be finished in time for the scaffolding and site compound to be removed prior to the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This is due to initial delays in relation to approval of the stone to be used and more recently the ordering of the new rainwater goods.

Members advised that this is not acceptable and that a solution must be found to ensure that the building is clear for the celebrations. Officers advised that this may come at considerable cost to the Council.

Councillor Lamb agreed to assist with conversations with the contractor with a view to resolving the issue.

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7. 2022/23 Budget

The meeting reviewed a first draft of the budget for the current financial year. An amended version will be circulated for Members to comment on, prior to presentation at the June Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.
These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Town Clerk.