



# EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EVESHAM TOWN HALL AT 6:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: Andrew Dyke, Robert Raphael, Mark Goodge, Alan Booth, Marlene Sale, Frances Smith, Sarah Schaathun and Beryl Timbrell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors: Wendy Dyke, Robert Hale and Sue Amor  
1 member of the Avonbank Brass Band

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jo Adams, Town Clerk

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

There were none.

**2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interests**

Cllr Raphael as trustee for Avonbank Brass Band.

Cllr Booth as trustee for Garage Arts Group.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 be adopted as a true record.

**4. Bank Signatory**

It was agreed that Cllr Andrew Dyke would be added to the mandate as a bank signatory.

**5. Grant applications**

The following grants were agreed.

Organisation	Project	Amount Requested	Rec'd in 2021 £	Agreed 2022 £
Evesham Volunteer Centre	To provide assistance to the residents and rural communities of the Vale of Evesham through direct services and volunteering support.	3,000	0	3,000

Garage Arts Group	To provide therapeutic art sessions. To contribute to the aim of moving to a larger centre to double the number of sessions they can currently run.	2,167.20	0	1,000
Avonbank (Evesham) Brass Band	To provide entertainment and music for local people, charitable support and pleasure. In addition it provides a training band for young and late starters	1,000	0	1,000 (3 performances)
Citizen's Advice Bureau	To provide high quality, free, impartial and confidential advice, information and support to anyone living in Evesham	4,000	3,000	3,000
Evesham & District Mental Health Support Services	To provide Evesham & District Meeting Centre. A centre open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm providing practical, emotional and social support to individuals living with a diagnosis of dementia and their family carers	2,000	0	2,000

Two additional organisations had made applications. In each case further information was requested on the applications and an invitation to resubmit would be made. There was £5,500 yet to be allocated from the Small Grants Scheme which would be revisited in January.

**6. Bell Tower Clock Repairs**

Deferred.

**7. Budget**

The committee considered the first draft of the budget for 2023/24 in the context of the current year and previous year's ledgers. The draft budget included the additional salaries, Almonry loan repayments and maintenance programme. Combined with the nationwide increase in prices, these would put pressure on the current budget level so an increase in the precept looked likely. No resolution was made, but the committee noted the draft budget which would be revisited at the January meeting.

**8. Credit Card**

It was agreed to apply for credit cards to be used at the Town Council office and the Almonry.

Exclusion of press and public:

It was resolved to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, concerning the following items 9, Charter Market Contract.

**9. Charter Market Contract**

The terms of the Charter Market as circulated were discussed and agreed. The lease would be for 5 years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

CLlr Andrew Dyke  
Chairman

A large, faint, stylized signature watermark is visible in the background of the page. It appears to be a cursive signature, possibly reading "Andrew Dyke", rendered in a light grey color.