

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT COURT FIELDS SCHOOL, MANTLE STREET, WELLINGTON, TA21 8SW ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022 AT 5.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),
Councillors M Barr, A Govier, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, V Stock-Williams
and J Thorne

IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow (Town Clerk), Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk), Alice Kendall
(Deputy RFO) and Rebecca Hunt (Administration Assistant)
1 member of the press
2 members of the public

492 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Pringle-Kosikowsky.

493 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Lloyd and Govier have standing personal interest declarations relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being former customers of the company.

Councillor Thorne has a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being a personal friend of the company owner.

Councillor Vivienne Stock-Williams declared a personal interest in item 5a as the Council's representative for the Wellington Basins Volunteer Group.

494 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and formally adopt the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 February 2022.

495 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the Wellington Basins Volunteer Group spoke to give further background information on their grant application.

496 GRANTS

(a) Applications

- i. Wellington Basins Volunteer Group** – In advance of the meeting, an application was forwarded to Councillors by e-mail from the Wellington Basins Volunteer Group. £1,808.40 was requested for a project to monitor and control the increasing rodent population at the Basins.

RESOLVED that a grant of £1,808.40 be awarded.

Councillors thanked the group for all their hard work in the area and it is hoped that the Council can work closely with the group in the future as surrounding green spaces are brought into the Council's ownership.

(b) Grants Summary

A summary of grants paid to date was circulated with the agenda and noted.

497 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 1 - 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 1 - 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the income.

(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-22 YEAR AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

Councillor Thorne asked if it was possible for notes to be added to overspent budget lines to provide more information. The Deputy RFO reported that the spend against budget lines will be reviewed as we approach the end of the current financial year with further details being given in the year-end report. The addition of notes will be considered going forward.

498 REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER

RESOLVED to accept the asset register after adding the Deputy Mayor’s regalia and two grit bins at Springfield Road and Cornhill.

499 UPDATE ON NEW BANK ACCOUNTS

A paper with details of bank interest was circulated with the agenda and was so noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Mayor