

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHITE HART LANE, TA21 8HN ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),
Councillors M Barr, M McGuffie, N Powell-Brace and J Thorne
IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow (Town Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy RFO)
1 member of the press

233 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Z Barr, S Booker, A Govier and J Lloyd.

234 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

235 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

236 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 8 August 2022.

237 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 3 AUGUST – 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure as presented.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 3 AUGUST – 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the income received as presented.

(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2022-23 YEAR AS AT 20 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

238 GRANTS

(a) Wellington Carnival Committee

RESOLVED to ratify the agreement made by e-mail to add advance road closure signs to the funding available to the Carnival Committee. A summary report of payments was circulated and noted.

(b) Summary of Grants 22/23

The schedule of grants paid to date was circulated and noted.

239 2023 – 2024 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

A paper was circulated with some preliminary calculations for the Council’s general reserves and likely spend to the end of the current year. The paper also contained data and comparisons for all Precepting Parishes in England.

Discussions were held around the precept and the Council’s general reserves and the report was noted. The Deputy RFO explained that much more detailed figures will be ready for presentation at the next committee meeting in October. Each Committee will be asked to submit their budget requirements for the October and November meetings so the budget can be developed over this time.

240 COST OF LIVING FUNDING REQUESTS

Following the cost of living summit held 9 September 2022, some of the agencies present came forward with requests for funding. A paper with further details was circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED to make a contribution of £1,560 to Wellington Baptist Church for their Refuge project to be funded from the Health and Wellbeing budget. This to be reviewed in 3 months time to ensue the project is appropriately funded.

RESOLVED to pay £2,667 to Courtfields School to fund a staff member to run a school wide Breakfast Club five days a week for the remainder of the academic year. This to be funded from the Health and Wellbeing Budget.

RESOLVED to not award a payment to Taunton Citizen’s Advice at this time. However, this does not exclude the review of their Service Level Agreement.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Mayor