

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),
Councillors M Barr, Z Barr, A Govier, M McGuffie and J Thorne

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor C Govier
David Farrow (Town Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy Clerk/Deputy RFO)
1 member of the press
2 members of the public

404 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Booker & Lloyd.

405 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Govier has a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being a former customer 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.

406 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the Public present were grant applicants and were available to answer questions at the appropriate item.

407 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 15 November 2022.

At this juncture, Councillor McGuffie arrived at the meeting.

408 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 5 DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 5 NOVEMBER - 5 DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure as presented.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 5 NOVEMBER - 5 DECEMBER 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 5 DECEMBER 2022

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

409 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Interim Internal Audit report was circulated with the agenda. Actions were detailed by Officers, and it was noted.

410 GRANTS

(a) Applications

- i. **The People’s Plot (t/a eat:Festivals)** – the group applied for a £750 grant to fund various items required for the annual eat:Wellington festival (detailed breakdown provided in the application form). The Application form and supporting documents were circulated to Councillors by e-mail.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the applicant to answer questions.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to grant £750.

- ii. **Wellington Cricket Club** – the club applied for a grant of £696.42 for the hire of the sports hall for their annual youth cricket training sessions. The Application form and supporting documents were circulated to Councillors by e-mail.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the applicant to answer questions.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

RESOLVED to grant £696.42.

411 REVIEW OF SLAs

- (a) Wellington Community Counselling CIC** – following and initial review meeting with the Managing Director, Town Clerk and Deputy RFO, a paper was circulated with the agenda. Councillor Govier declared a personal interest in this item as his wife volunteers for the organisation.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Barr, Govier and McGuffie to meet with the Managing Director and Council Officer’s to discuss the details and value of a new SLA and report back to the next committee meeting.

412 2023 – 2024 PRECEPT

A paper containing various Precept calculation examples was prepared by the Deputy Clerk and circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting. After some discussion, it was resolved to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Precept be set at £466,332 equating to a Band D average of £84.65 and being a 10% increase on the 2022 – 2023 Band D average.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Mayor