

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 3.15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),  
Councillors M Barr, A Govier (from minute 519), J Lloyd, M McGuffie, and J Thorne

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

**513 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Z Barr and S Booker

**514 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Lloyd and Govier have 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.

**515 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The member of the public present did not wish to speak at this point but was available to answer questions relating to the application for funding from St John's Church.

**516 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 17 January 2023.

**517 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED** to note and approve the bank reconciliation.

**(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 11 JANUARY - 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED** to note and approve the expenditure as presented.

**(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 11 JANUARY - 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

**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 9 FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOLVED** to note and approve the budget report.

**518 GRANTS**

**(a) Applications**

- i. **Avtar Indian Dance** – The group made an application for a £390 contribution for hall hire and materials for their dance-a-long sessions. The application form and supporting documents were circulated to Councillors by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £390.

**(b) Summary of grants paid to date**

The summary was noted.

At this juncture, Councillor Govier arrived at the meeting.

**519 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE COST OF LIVING BUDGET**

- (a) **St John’s Church** – The Church had requested £1,080 for equipment to help deliver the offer of hospitality at their Talking Café, Baby and Toddler and Warm Space sessions. Details were forwarded to Councillors by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Govier declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Church.

**RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.

**RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

**RESOLVED** to award £1080 to St John’s Church from the cost of living budget.

**520 REVIEW OF ASSET REGISTER AND INSURANCE**

A paper was circulated with the updated asset register.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the asset register be accepted after updating the date that the Mayoral Robes were inherited and that the Council’s insurance for 23-24 should remain with Zurich at a cost of £3,845.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 3.30 pm.**

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**Councillor Mark Lithgow**  
**Mayor**