

MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023 AT 3.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Lithgow (Mayor),
Councillors M Barr, A Govier, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, and J Thorne
IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow (Town Clerk), Alice Kendall (Deputy Clerk/Deputy RFO)
1 member of the press

570 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Z Barr

571 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. He declared an additional personal interest in the list of income as his daughter is named as have paid rent at the Pop Up Shop.

572 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

573 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 20 February 2023.

574 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 14 MARCH 2023

RESOLVED to note and approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 10 FEBRUARY – 14 MARCH 2023

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure as presented.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 10 FEBRUARY – 14 MARCH 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 14 MARCH 2023

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

575 GRANTS

(a) Applications

- i. **Avon and Somerset Constabulary (Airsoft Youth Diversionary Project)** – An application had been received for £2,982 for the abovementioned project. The application form was circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED to grant £2,982 to the Airsoft Project with the condition that monthly updates and reports on numbers attending be given in Sgt Forest’s reports to Full Council.

- ii. **Wellington Methodist Church (0-5 Clothes Swap)** – The Church applied for a grant of £300 to support the Clothes Swap initiative. The application and supporting documents were circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED to award a £300 grant. The Deputy Clerk was asked to reach out to the organisers to discuss their possible future needs.

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

The summary was noted.

576 REVIEW OF EARMARKED RESERVES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

A paper detailing the current balances of each earmarked reserve was circulated with the agenda.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that;

- i. The balance of the Railway Station and Post Office Provision reserves be maintained to show the Council’s commitment to these projects.
- ii. The Neighbourhood Plan reserve be closed, and the remaining balance be put back into the general reserve.
- iii. The Professional Services line be returned to a revenue budget.
- iv. That no more commitments are made to fund items from the CIL reserve until costs for the Longforth Road Toilets are known.

The balance for Youth Services was noted and Councillors expressed concern about the lack of service for young people in the town. The Clerk reported that a report will be presented to the next Policy and Resources meeting to take this forward.

All other reserve balances and updates were noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

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Councillor Mark Lithgow
Mayor