

# WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	Finance Committee
Time	3.30 pm
Date	Tuesday 15 August 2023
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG

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Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online after the meeting.

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9 August 2023

Committee Membership: Councillors M Barr, A Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, and J Thorne (three vacancies)

# AGENDA

# **1 APOLOGIES**

# 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors A Govier and J Lloyd have a standing personal interest declaration 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.

#### **3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Public Attendance: For those members of the public who wish to ask a question or make a statement a three-minute time limit applies to each speaker.

N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

## 4 MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held 11 July 2023 (attached).

## 5 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

- (a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 9 AUGUST 2023 (attached)
- (b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 4 JULY 9 AUGUST 2023 (attached)
- (c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 4 JULY 9 AUGUST 2023 (attached)
- (d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR AS AT 9 AUGUST 2023 (attached)

#### 6 GRANTS

#### (a) Applications

i. Wellington Rugby Club – the club are seeking a grant of £2,000 towards the annual fireworks display. The application and supporting documents have been circulated by e-mail in advance.

#### 7 COST OF LIVING FUNDING

In October 2022, the Council committed £35,000 of funding to support activities relating to the Cost of Living crisis. At year end (22-23) the unspent balance was £30,200. The original proposal did not indicate when, or if, the funding should end. As the administration of the fund was delegated to the Finance Committee, it should consider recommending to Full Council that the current unspent balance be transferred into an earmarked reserve to continue its use into the current financial year (and beyond, if they so wish).

# 8 FUNDING UPDATES AND FURTHER REQUESTS (COST OF LIVING)

The following organisations received funding and have provided feedback in the attached correspondence. They are also requesting further assistance to continue their projects.

- (a) Wellington Baptist Church (£3,000)
- (b) Court Fields School Breakfast Club (£2,792)

#### 9 BANK SIGNATORIES

The committee is asked to resolve that:

- (a) Members of the Finance committee that are not current signatories at Lloyds are added as well as the Deputy Mayor (Councillors C Govier & McGuffie)
- (b) The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are made signatories of the accounts held at Cambridge and Counties, The Cambridge Building Society and Nationwide.

#### **10 DONATION FOR ALLOTMENT JUDGING**

As the Allotment Committee has now folded, the Finance Committee is asked to consider approving a £50 donation to Musgrove Leukaemic Group Somerset on behalf of Allan Cavill in thanks for his time assisting with the judging of the Allotment Competition.

David Farrow Town Clerk 9 August 2023