

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023 AT 3.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Lithgow (Chair),  
Councillors 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  
2 members of the public

**172 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor M Barr.

**173 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.

**174 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The members of the public present were representatives of grant/funding applicants and were available to answer questions where appropriate.

**175 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023.

**176 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

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

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

**(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 4 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2023**

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

**(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 4 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2023**

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

**(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET AT 9 AUGUST 2023**

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

**177 GRANTS**

**(a) Applications**

- i. **Wellington Rugby Club** – the club had applied for a grant of £2,000 towards the annual fireworks display. The application and supporting documents were circulated by e-mail in advance.

**RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow the Club’s representative to answer questions.

**RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

**RESOLVED** to award a grant of £2,000.

**178 COST OF LIVING FUNDING**

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the unspent balance of the Cost of Living Fund (£30,200) be moved to an earmarked reserve for further use as required.

**179 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)**

**RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders to allow a representative to speak and answer questions.

**RESOLVED** to re-instate standing orders.

**RESOLVED** to award £3,000 from the Cost of Living fund.

**(b) Court Fields School Breakfast Club (£2,792)**

**RESOLVED** to award £2,792 from the Cost of Living Fund.

**180 BANK SIGNATORIES**

**RESOLVED** to

- i. add Councillors C Govier and M McGuffie as signatories on the Lloyds accounts, and
- ii. add Councillors M Barr and C Govier as signatories to the accounts held with Cambridge and Counties, The Cambridge Building Society and Nationwide.

**181 DONATION FOR ALLOTMENT JUDGING**

**RESOLVED** to make a donation of £50 to Musgrove Leukaemia Group Somerset in the name of Allan Cavill as thanks for his help with judging the allotment competition.

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

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**Councillor Mark Lithgow**  
**Chairman**