

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 5.30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Lithgow (Chair),  
Councillors M Barr, A Govier, J Lloyd, M McGuffie and J Thorne

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor C Govier  
Alice Kendall – Deputy Clerk  
Two members of the public  
One member of the press

**317 APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received.

**318 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Lloyd and A 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.

**319 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The two members of the public present were representatives from two of the grant applicants. The Chair welcomed them and explained he would suspend standing orders at the appropriate point in the agenda if needed.

**320 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2023.

**321 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**a. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**b. TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 5 OCTOBER – 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**c. TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 5 OCTOBER – 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**d. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET AT 8 NOVEMBER 2023**

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

### 322 GRANTS

The summary of grants made to date was noted.

#### (a) Applications

- i. **In The Mix** – An application was received from In The Mix who are seeking £808.20 towards their Wellington Project. The application and supporting documents were circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

Councillor Govier reported that a meeting was due to be held at the end of November with various partners to start an overall review of the current youth provision in town. It was **agreed** to defer this application to the next meeting pending the outcomes of that meeting.

- ii. **St John the Baptist Church** – An application for £960 had been received to provide support for providing warm spaces over the winter months. The application and supporting documents were circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £960 from the Cost of Living Funding reserve.

- iii. **The People's Plot t/a eat:Festivals** – An application had been received requesting funding of £750. The application and supporting documents were circulated by e-mail in advance of the meeting.

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

**RESOLVED** to re-instate Standing Orders.

It was proposed and duly seconded to approve a grant award of £750. There were three votes in favour and three votes against. The chairman used his casting vote in favour, the motion was carried, and it was so **RESOLVED**.

### 323 REVIEW OF TREASURY & INVESTMENT POLICY

The Council's investment strategy was circulated in advance of the meeting. The Deputy Clerk reported that the figure at which the policy becomes mandatory has changed to £100,00 and that item 1.3 will be updated accordingly.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the amended policy be adopted.

### 324 DEBIT CARD USER AGREEMENT

A draft agreement was circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the document be adopted.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.49 pm.**

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