

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY & FINANCE
COMMITTEE HELD AT UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 12
JANUARY 2026 AT 6.00 PM**

Present: Councillor M Lithgow (Chair)
Councillors J Cole, A Govier, J Lloyd, S Pringle-Kosikowski, J Thorne and K Wheatley

In attendance: Alice Kendall – Democratic Services & Finance Manager
Wasif Choudhury – Democratic Services & Finance Officer
One member of the press
Representative of Wellington Tennis Club (For minute 403b)

398 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Booth.

399 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 friend of the company owner. Also, in relation to any payments to Tindle Newspapers as an employee of the company.

Councillor S Pringle-Kosikowsky declared a personal interest in item 6a (grant application from Wellesley Park) as his children attend the school.

Councillor J Cole declared a personal interest in item 6c (grant application from On Your Bike) as a customer of the organisation.

400 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

401 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2025.

402 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 5 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 5 NOVEMBER 2025 – 5 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure.

It was **AGREED** that Council Officers will review the amount of hours and expenditure included in payments made to M J Fletcher.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED 5 NOVEMBER 2025 – 5 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED to approve income.

(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE BUDGET FOR THE 2025-26 YEAR AS AT 5 JANUARY 2026

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

(e) TO NOTE RESERVE BALANCES AS AT 5 JANUARY 2026

The reserve balances were noted.

403 25-26 GRANT APPLICATIONS Q4

Grant applications were considered with the following decisions made:

(a) Wellesley Park School

It was **RESOLVED** to approve grant request of £900 for breakfast parcels.

It was **AGREED** that the Council should again contact all schools to gauge their need for funding for similar schemes.

(b) Wellington Tennis Club – £10,000 requested for new club house.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full council that the request of £10,000 for a new club house is approved with £5,000 coming from the un-allocated CIL reserve and £5,000 from the Grants budget.

(c) On Your Bike – £1,750 requested for free bike servicing project.

It was **RESOLVED** approve grant request of £1,750 requested for free bike servicing project with the proviso that any extra funding received should be spent in Wellington, preferably another bike servicing session at Court Fields Community School.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18:45pm

Signed

Date

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