

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 12 AUGUST 2024 AT
6.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillor M Lithgow (Chair),
Councillors J Cole, C Govier, J Lloyd, S Mercer, and J Thorne.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alice Kendall – RFO/Deputy Clerk
One member of the press

215 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor A Govier and S Pringle-Kosikowsky.

216 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 J Thorne has a standing personal interest declaration relating to MTMIT, the Council's IT consultant, being a friend of the company owner.

217 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

218 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 8 July 2024.

219 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 6 AUGUST 2024

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 3 JULY - 6 AUGUST 2024

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure.

Councillor J Thorne declared a personal interest regarding the payment to Tindle Newspapers as an employee of the company.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 3 JULY - 6 AUGUST 2024

RESOLVED to note and approve the income.

**(d) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST THE
BUDGET FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR AS AT 6 AUGUST 2024 (attached)**

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

(e) RESERVES REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2024 (attached)

The reserves report was noted.

220 GRAND WESTERN GREENWAY UPDATE

Correspondence was circulated with the agenda, contained within which was a request for funding towards drawing up plans at a cost of £6-8,000. Councillors expressed their support for the project in principle, but more information was required to make a decision. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, asking the person writing the correspondence to attend to answer questions and give more information. Also, that the information should be submitted as a full grant application.

221 PLAYING FIELD JOINT WORKING GROUP

The committee reviewed a report following a meeting held with the Clerk, Councillors A Govier and J Lloyd and the sporting clubs involved with the playing field.

RESOLVED to create a Playing Field Joint Working Group with Terms of Reference set as detailed on the draft circulated with the agenda; after updating the Council membership to three. Membership will comprise of Councillors J Cole, A Govier and J Lloyd.

222 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Following the publication of new model Financial Regulations by NALC, the Clerk and RFO/Deputy Clerk circulated a suggested updated draft with the agenda which was reviewed by the Committee.

RESOLVED that the amount for fixed price quotations in item 5.8 be updated to £10,000, and 5.9 be subsequently updated to reflect this.

Councillor J Cole reported that he had submitted several queries to the Deputy Clerk, to which she had replied, but given the short timeframe it was not possible to circulate these to other Councillors. As other Councillors were happy with the draft as it stands after the above amendment, it was agreed that a second draft be brought back to the next meeting to show further notes and suggestions from Councillor J Cole and the Deputy Clerk with a view to making a recommendation to the October meeting of Full Council with a final draft for adoption.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.35 pm

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