

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 09 DECEMBER 2024
AT 6.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: David Farrow – Town Clerk
Alice Kendall – RFO/Deputy Clerk

441 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors C Govier and S Pringle-Kosikowsky.

442 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.

443 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

444 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 18 November 2024.

445 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

(a) TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 3 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation.

(b) TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 5 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED to note and approve the expenditure.

(c) TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 5 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER 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 3 DECEMBER 2024 (attached)

RESOLVED to note and approve the budget report.

446 POTTER POUNDS

A brief paper was attached to the agenda and duly considered. After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to give Officers delegated authority to spend up to £1,100 from the Cost of Living reserve to top up what might be required for the scheme in 2024 if there is a shortfall in donations. Councillors would like to see the numbers expanded within this spend, if possible. The Town Clerk to liaise with the Connect Somerset Champion/One Team Co-Ordinator to discuss.

447 CORRESPONDENCE FROM HEALTH WATCH SOMERSET

Correspondence regarding the opening of an internet pharmacy at Westpark26 was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to support the application in principle provided there had been satisfactory consultation with the existing in person pharmacies in the town as well as NHS Somerset.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40 pm

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