

**MINUTES OF THE WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT UNTIED REFORMED CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025  
AT 6.00PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** David Farrow – Chief Executive/Town Clerk  
Two members of the press.

**537 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies

**538 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.

**539 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**540 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee held on 13 January 2025.

**541 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**a. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 3 FEBRUARY 2025**

**RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation.

At this juncture, Councillor Cole joined the meeting.

**b. TO NOTE AND APPROVE EXPENDITURE FOR 4 DECEMBER 2024 – 3 FEBRUARY 2025**

Councillor Lloyd asked for clarification on the payment and income from 'Scotty's Little Soldiers'. The Town Clerk will ask the RFO to contact Councillor Lloyd to clarify.

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

**c. TO NOTE AND APPROVE INCOME RECEIVED FOR 8 JANUARY- 3 FEBRUARY 2025**

**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 FEBRUARY 2024 (attached)**

Councillor Cole noted that some budget lines were showing overspends and reminded the Committee that it had been agreed previously that overspends needed to be authorised by Full Council. The Town Clerk will discuss with the RFO.

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

**542 LONGFORTH ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

The papers circulated prior to the meeting were discussed.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that

- (i) Any Public Work Loan Board loan should be for £206,466 over a 15.5-year term.
- (ii) The Business Case should be approved subject to the following additions where possible:
  - a. That the Council has invested in improving the coach park area with a view to encouraging more visitors to the town and the lack of toilet facilities at the coach park will impact on that. It was suggested that bus companies using the parking area be asked to comment on the need for the toilet facilities.
  - b. The Town Council is looking to promote the town as evidenced by the introduction of an Economic Development Committee and a Promotion of Wellington Working Group. If the Council is unable to build the facilities the lack of toilet facilities in the town will be a block to this work.
  - c. The Business Case should include empirical evidence of the need for the facilities.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm

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