# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Presents: Cllr Boden, Dorling, Mockett, Wicks

Officer in Attendance; Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: The recording is made as an aide memoir for the Clerk.

### FP94/2024. To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Arman, Nawaz, Sennitt-Clough (all personal)

FP95/2024. FP27/2021- To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items

There were no member declarations.

### FP96/2024 - Public Forum - 15 minutes

1 member of the public present

FP97/2024 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Wicks with a unanimous vote in favour.

#### FP98/2024 - Financials.

- 1. Bank Reconciliations to 31st October 2024 Members received the balanced bank reconciliation.
- 2. Year to date Figures. Members received the year-to-date figures
- 3. Payment List for approval. Vouchers 145-151 to the value of £1064.43, proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Mockett with a unanimous vote in favour.

### FP99/2024 - Agenda Items for Discussion

Communications proposal – Reword of Item FP88/2024 item B, from F & P on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024. In establishing the methods of communication, Cllr Dorling proposed post, telephone, and the Whittlesey Town Council website when it complies with all aspects of WCAG (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines).

That other social media platforms are not used before a strategy is prepared and endorsed in the interests of administration time efficiency and potential risks of non-compliance.

All communications must reflect the Nolan Principles:

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Selflessness
- Openness

This was proposed seconded by Cllr Wicks with a unanimous vote in favour.

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- Dog Waste Bin Cllr Laws requested by email a dog and general waste bin be installed at junction
  of Quakers Drove / Burnthouse Road at a cost is £175.00, FDC have advised they will empty the
  bins. Members discussed the location and Cllr Wicks was asked to furnish the Clerk with the
  location via What3words. Proposed Cllr Mockett, seconded Cllr Wicks with a unanimous vote in
  favour.
- 2. Electricity Contract Cllr Boden advised members the existing contract ends in February, the Clerk presented the figures for 12-, 24- and 36-month contracts. Cllr Dorling proposed the 2-year contract, seconded Cllr Wicks with a unanimous vote in favour.
- 3. External Audit report from PKF. The Clerk advised members there were no matters for concern raised by the PKF and all sections of the AGAR were in accordance with Proper Practices an.
- 4. Remembrance Budget 2024/2025 The Clerk asked members if they were going to offer a donation to the RBL, this was discussed and members agreed as the council provided the funding for the parade, they would not offer a donation, proposed Cllr Mockett, seconded Cllr Wicks with unanimous vote in favour.
- 5. Budget 2025/2026 Version 0 was circulated to members for discussion, some amendments suggestions were made, and changes will be made and version 1 presented to Full Council for further discussion.

## FP100/2024 - Information

There was no further information

## FP101/2024 - Donation Requests

There were no donation requests.

FP102/2024 - Date of Next Meeting - Monday 16th December at 6.30pm

Meeting Closed 19: 15

Cllr Boden Chairman

Finance & Policy Committee