

# WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

**Present:** Cllr Boden, Mockett, Sennitt-Clough, Nawaz, Wicks, Dorling

Officer in Attendance; Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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

## **FP10/2025. To receive apologies from absent Members.**

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## **FP11/2025. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items.**

Cllrs Wicks & Mockett – Coates Community Living Room

## **FP12/2025 - Public Forum – 15 minutes**

No members of the public were present.

## **FP13/2025 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

The minutes were approved and signed with a minor amendment, proposed Cllr Nawaz, seconded Cllr Sennitt-Clough with a unanimous vote in favour.

## **FP14/2025 – Financials.**

1. Bank Reconciliations to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Members received the balanced bank reconciliation.
2. Year to date Figures – The year-to-date figures were received.
3. Payment List for approval. Vouchers 228 – 252 to the value of £21089.73 Proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Sennitt-Clough.

## **FP15/2025 - Agenda Items for Discussion**

1. Chamber use proposal – Cllr Boden – Deferred from F & P on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Cllr Boden advised members he would prepare a draft for the next F & P meeting in March.
2. Bank Accounts – The Clerk advised that we are covered for 85K under the FSCS, therefore it would be prudent to spread the funds over different banks, she advised the 1-year investment with Metro bank had matured and the interest of £3758.77 had been transferred to the Barclays current account. Members discussed all options and recommended to Full Council that the Clerk investigate moving WTC working accounts to Metro. Cllr Wicks suggested also looking at TSB. Proposed Cllr Wicks, seconded Cllr Dorling with a unanimous vote in favour.
3. Safety of Lithium Batteries – Cllr Mockett – Proposed that a letter be sent Lord Foster supporting any changes in legislation to ensure greater safety around lithium batteries. The Clerk to circulate the document to Full Council.
4. Key Box –Cllr Mockett proposed the installation of two key boxes £60.00 each with free fitting, one to house the gate key and the other for the chamber key and fob. The Clerk advised that all groups would require alarm training.
5. Flat Roof Repair – The Clerk had endeavoured to contact three contractors, one has declined to quote, one is yet to submit a price, the other has quoted, the figure is within the Clerks remit however there is a provisional contingency of £500.00 on this quote. The Chairman advised to proceed with this quote if another cannot be obtained.

6. Committee Substitutes – – Cllr Wicks Proposed committee members are responsible to ensure substitute covers their nonattendance. Members discussed and suggested that wording be amended to 'Committee members to try to ensure that a substitute can cover for their nonattendance'.

### **FP16/2025 – Information**

The Chairman advised members the report from the CAB shows there is high demand in Whittlesey for this service. The Clerk reminded members that at a recent event hosted by the CAB Cllr Miscandlon and Mr Mason were advised that additional time would be offered to Whittlesey at no additional cost, however so far this has not been forthcoming, and the Clerk is chasing for an update.

### **FP17/2025 - Donation Requests**

1. Read to Succeed - £500.00 Proposed Cllr Sennitt-Clough, seconded Cllr Nawaz seconded Cllr Nawaz.
2. The Whittlesey Festival – This application will be submitted at the next F & P meeting.
3. Coates Community Living Room - - Members discussed the application, Cllr Mockett will speak to Lucille Bingham from Cambs Acre as he had been advised the community Living room had full funding for 2 years. Members suggested that the applicant Pauline Cavanagh and a representative from Coates Village Hall be invited to the next meeting. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Mockett on moving this forward

### **FP18/2025 - Date of Next Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Meeting Closed: 19.16



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Cllr Boden  
Chairman  
Finance & Policy Committee

