

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Jackson, McCarthy, Hodson and Ferriby

Clerk: Sophie Cooper

FIN/23/2024 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FC/24/2024 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 27th November 2023 were agreed by the chairman.

FIN/25/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Scott declaration of interest for Wigton Youth Station.

FIN/26/2024 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/27/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any representations from members of the public – Members of the public are invited to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes each. The maximum total time for public participation will be 10 minutes. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council Members unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

FIN/28/2024 GRANT APPLICATIONS

There were five grant applications including:

Young Farmers who were requesting £340

Outcome - It was agreed to grant them with £300.

Youth Station who were requesting £500

Outcome – Agreed

Mentioned to have on website links/information about the Improvements to Town Centres & High Streets grant scheme.

Cricket Club who were requesting £100

Outcome – Agreed

Wigton Carnival who were requesting £2000.

Outcome – Agreed but to move from grant budget into festival budget.

Town Council could be passed on invoices to cover from the Carnival Group instead of giving the grant.

Free For All who were requesting £1000.

Outcome – Ask for a cost breakdown and decision is deferred until this is received.

FIN/29/2024 2023/2024 BUDGET

Committee were provided with the end of year budget for 2023/24 and the final draft budget for 2024/25. There were some amendments which included:

External Contracts

Allotments – There was no rent increase.

Barton Laws Community Room – Based on last year's booking.

Salaries – To ensure that pay increases are budgeted for.

All committee members were happy with the amendments and budget. Waiting until April to see the final actual.

FIN/30/2024 STAFFING AND SALARIES

It was discussed that EI never received a 3-month review, nor a 12-month review where a salary increase would have been likely.

It was decided a review was to take place before the finance/staffing meeting on the 5th of March.

The review will take place on Friday 1st of March.

A salary increase would then be decided on.

It was also discussed that SC is set to finish her apprenticeship within this financial year, but the salary increase has not been budgeted for this year. At 5th March meeting options need to be discussed.

FIN/31/2024 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – Tuesday 5th March 2024

Meeting Closed at 7:00pm