

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS

HELD ON MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Jackson, McCarthy, Hodson and Ferriby

Clerk: Emma Ireton

FIN/15/2023 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FC/16/2023 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on 15th November 2023 were agreed by the chairman.

FIN/17/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/18/2023 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/19/2023 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/20/2023 DISCUSS 2024/2025 BUDGET

The committee received a copy of the final budget with the following lines discussed:

- Change the amount of the grounds maintenance vehicle to £25000 which will allow for a newer vehicle with warranty and less miles
- Change the budgeted amount for the Bowling Club/Wigton Park toilets to £1000 which will allow for some temporary toilets. Further research is required to establish costs of replacing/repairing the current toilet block.
- Review external contracts to ensure income is accurate.
- Reduce the vehicle maintenance line to £3000 as a new vehicle will reduce repair and maintenance costs.

The Swimming Baths grant was also discussed as the committee reviewed whether the grant should be dependent on their income and expenditure. It was **AGREED** that the clerk will contact the trustees to set a meeting to discuss their requirements.

It was highlighted that the Town Council did want to support the swimming pool with the meeting only required to set and agree on a suitable yearly grant.

The committee will vote on the final budget after the next meeting on 4th December 2023.

A vote was taken to approve the precept request of £390000 with a **UNANIMOUS** result.

RESOLVED – The finance committee approved the precept request of £390000.

Cllr Ferriby stated he would like the history/activities of Wigton leaflet to be discussed at the next meeting.

FIN/21/2023 EXTERNAL CONTRACTS

The committee were provided with some draft figures which they discussed. It was agreed that more detail was required and so a further meeting between the finance and policy committee would be required before it could be agreed.

A further meeting was set for the 4th of December 2023 for the policy committee to review and vote on one of the external contracts with the finance committee also to be present to review the figures for the 2024-2025 budget.

Cllr McCarthy suggested that a set cost breakdown should be written to allow for future external contracts to be calculated on the same basis which was agreed by the committee.

FIN/22/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – Monday 4th December 2023

Meeting Closed at 7:01