

WHITTLESEY TOWN COUNCIL - Finance & Policy Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024 at 6.00pm at Peel House, 8 Queen Street, Whittlesey, PE7 1AY.

Present: Cllr Boden, Arman, Mockett, Wicks, Dorling, Dickinson

Officer in Attendance: Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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

FP21/2024. To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Sennitt-Clough & Nawaz (personal)

FP22/2024. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items discussed later in the agenda.

Cllr Wicks declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Armed Forces donation request as he is ex military.

FP23/2024 - Public Forum – 15 minutes

Mr Matt Page – More Muzic Radio - Armed Forces Weekend, Thursday evening vintage military film show at the Falcon about WW2 with free entry. Friday evening – 36-piece band in St Mary's Church, cost is minimal as it is based on door splits, money split between RBL, church and band, the band is the Whittlesey Central Band. Saturday – military vehicles and classic cars on the market square, in the church people singing all day. In St Mary's church yard, there will be a craft fair and reenactment groups throughout the years, falconry displays, Weather permitting the Lancaster is booked to flyover on Saturday, and spitfire and hurricane on the Sunday.

Saturday night – Groove Cartel, playing in the church.

Some of the items within the grant request can be used for years as the dates can just be changed on them.

The Chair agree item FP28/2024 – Arm Forces Weekend / More Muzic Radio donation been discussed.

Standing orders were suspended to allow members to ask Mr Page for clarification on items within grant form.

FP24/2024 - To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee on Monday 19th February 2024.

Ratified: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record, proposed Cllr Dorling, seconded Cllr Arman.

FP25/2024 – Financials.

1. Bank Reconciliations to 29th February 2024 – Members received the bank reconciliation.
2. Year to date Figures – The Clerk has commenced the checking of all cost centres prior to the end of year. Cllr Dorling advised he will be meeting with Cllr Gerstner to discuss platinum wood to ensure the figures all agree, he will liaise with the Clerk.
3. Payment List for approval- Vouchers 262 – 293 to the value of £14,574.42, proposed Cllr Boden, seconded Cllr Arman with a unanimous vote in favour.

FP26/2024 - Agenda Items for Discussion

1. Peel House Furniture JM –Members discussed the various options for furniture and proposed the following:

13 Cllr Chairs – Tamar Wooden Frame Conference Chair with Arms £195.00 each (£2535.00)
2 x 1400 Wide Rectangular Flip Top meeting table with Silver Frame Beech - £235.35 (£470.70)
20 Taurus Stacking Visitor Conference chair with arms £57.15 per chair. (£1143.00)
1 x Sofia Adjustable Lumbar Operators Chair (Clerk) - £178.59 (£178.59)
1 x Lucca High Back Managers Chair (Mayor/Chair) £176.05 (£176.05)

All the above will have fabric seats in Charcoal.

Total Cost £4503.34

2. Drain / Sewage issue – JM/SP – Cllr Mockett advised councillors that some of the pipework between the drain in the chamber and the front car park has collapsed. The Clerk has contacted a local contractor to investigate this and is waiting for a site meeting. Members discussed at length and agreed that a resolution is required and have given the clerk permission to spend up to 3K to resolve this, Should the cost be greater, the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mockett and the Committee.

FP27/2024 – Information

There was no information.

FP28/2024 - Donation Requests

Whittlesey Festival – Members asked why the committee are invoicing FDC for 11k, Cllr Boden was asked to investigate this. Members suggested the festival committee try to obtain funding from the Arts Council England, Cllr Sennitt-Clough advised through the Chair she would be happy to help them with the process. CPP Marketplace would also be able to assist with the events with the funding they haven allocated from ACE. Cllr Boden proposed at this stage a grant from WTC is not offered, but the Festival meet with Cllr Sennitt-Clough to discuss how they approach ACE.

This item was discussed following FP23/2024.

Armed Forces Weekend – More Muzic Radio – Matt Page.

Mr Page confirmed that match funding was in place, Cllr Mockett proposed £1000.00, seconded Cllr Arman with a majority vote in favour. Cllr Wicks took no part in the discussion or the vote. It was agreed with Mr Page that on completion of the event he would come and speak to council to advise what the funds were used form.

Date of Next Meeting 15th April 2024- Cllr Boden advised members to reserve this date in their diary, but there may not be a meeting as the AGAR would go to Full Council for approval.

Meeting Closed: 19:00

CP Boden.

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Cllr Chris Boden
Chairman
Finance & Policy Committee

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