

HAXBY TOWN COUNCIL

The Memorial Hall, The Village, Haxby YO32 3HT

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on Monday 21 October 2024 at 5pm in the Council Office, Memorial Hall, Haxby.

Present: Cllr. I. Cuthbertson - Chairman
Cllr R. Pearson
Cllr G. Stow
Cllr I. Thompson

Also present: Alan Draper (town clerk).

F24/2024 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

F25/2024 Chairman's welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

F26/2024 Declarations of interest

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

F27/2024 Public question time and participation

No members of the public were present.

F28/2024 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to accept and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 5 August 2024 and the notes of the inquorate meeting of 14 October 2024.

F29/2024 Grant applications

a) Application from Heworth Rangers and York Guides regarding a European trip

RESOLVED that the grant application be declined due to the trip being for one individual (who is not a parishioner) thus the cost would not be commensurate with the benefit.

b) Application from New Earswick Sports Club regarding the installation of solar panels

RESOLVED that the grant application be declined due to the project being outside the parish.

F30/2024 Bank checks

The vice-chairman provided feedback on the bank checks conducted on 5 September 2024 for July 2024 and that there were no issues to report.

RESOLVED to accept and approve the vice-chairman's report on the bank checks.

F31/2024 Budget and balances update

The town clerk provided a budget update at 31 August 2024 as follows:

- Expenditure: 70%
- Income: 65%

The town clerk reported that the expenditure was over budget primarily due to the legal advice fees and the payments made on behalf of the cemetery and that when those two factors are taken into account, the expenditure is at 43%, so slightly over budget.

The town clerk also reported that the income was higher than budgeted for due to the grant from the National Lottery for the disabled play equipment at the Ethel Ward site.

The town clerk provided a balances update at 31 August 2024 as follows:

Opening balances (1/4/24)			
Business Premium Account			52,743.59
Community Account			50,879.54
Tracker Account			40,891.25
Total			144,514.38
	<i>Net</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross</i>
Receipts	139,231.38	0	139,231.38
Payments	125,894.50	10,543.84	136,438.34
Closing balances (31/8/24)			
Business Premium Account			52,940.84
Community Account			53,322.41
Tracker Account			41,044.17
Total			147,307.42

RESOLVED that:

- The town clerk's reports be received and approved
- The cemetery committee be asked to pay some interest on the monies psid by the council on its behalf.

F32/2024 Budget 2025-26

Further to minute no. F13/2024, the town clerk reported that the following committees had submitted the following budget requests:

Events Committee:

- The regular carnival and Christmas lights switch on events.
- A possible 'local heroes' event.

Planning Committee:

- Character appraisal.
- Neighbourhood plan.
- Professional advice in respect of City of York Council's Local Plan.

Amenities Committee:

- Pavilion – refurbishment or rebuild.
- Play equipment.

RESOLVED that:

- The budget requests from the committees be noted.
- A sink fund to replace ageing play equipment be included in the 2025-26 draft budget.
- The town clerk will draft a 2025-26 budget for consideration by the Finance Committee in December to then present to the full council (with an according precept recommendation) in January.

F33/2024 Next meeting

RESOLVED that the committee will next meet at 4.30pm on Monday 16 December 2024.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed Date

Chairman