

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025 at 6.00pm

Members Present : Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr C Fox
Cllr K Cernik
Cllr L Siddall

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

FIN24/37 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr T Melville, Cllr S Naylor, Cllr R Waterman and Cllr A Gerrard

FIN 24/38 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were given by Cllr J Macdonald to Northwich Metals and Cllr K Cernik and to Dementia Friendly.

FIN 24/39 **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17th December 2024 and noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 6th January 2025.

Proposed Cllr K Cernik, seconded Cllr L Siddall, all agreed

FIN 24/40 **DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET**

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr K Cernik, all agreed

FIN 24/41 **BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT**

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £83,932.36

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr K Cernik, all agreed

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Cllr Catherine Fox
Chair

FIN 24/42 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENTS

Members chose two payments from both December 2024 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

Groundwork and Leisure Services - £1800.00
Hipswing - £3012.00

FIN 25/43 2025/2026 PRECEPT

Members were presented with the draft 2025/26 draft budget which was discussed at length with officers around increases.

Members agreed that some budget lines needed to be increased but this would no change the final figure agreed, CO/RFO to look at reducing some budget lines to accommodate the increases.

Members agreed to accept the proposed draft budget of £655,743.

Increase from £79.08 to £85.68 for a Band D property.

Increase will be £6.60 per year For a band D property.

Proposed Cllr J Macdonald, seconded Cllr L Siddall, all agreed

FIN 25/44 AMENITY FEES 2025/2026

Members were presented with proposed Amenity fees for 2025/26 which were discussed at length.

Members agreed to accept the new Amenity fees.

Proposed by Cllr J Macdonald and seconded by Cllr K Cernik, all agreed

FIN 25/45 WITTON & DANE VALLEY CEMETERY FEES 2025/2026

Members were presented with the proposed fees for Witton & Dane Valley Cemetery for 2025/26.

Members noted the increases in costs, this was due to increase in salaries, increase and card payments and contractor costs.

Members agreed to accept the new Cemetery Fees.

Proposed by Cllr J Macdonald and seconded by Cllr K Cernik, all agreed

FIN 25/46 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 17th February 2025 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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**Cllr Catherine Fox
Chair**