



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness LA14 2LD

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 18.00pm in the Law Library at the Town Hall, Duke street, Barrow-Furness

Cllr P Jackson	Present	Cllr S Herbert	Apology
Cllr F Chatfield	Present	Cllr C Altree	Apology
Cllr A Coles	Present	Cllr N Phillips	Apology
Cllr C Thomson	Apology	Cllr B Elliot	Present

In attendance: Cllr K Hyland

Lesley Smyth (Town Clerk)

F/94/2024 Apologies

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. Phillips; Cllr. Herbert; Cllr. Altree and Cllr. Thomson.

F/95/2024 Declarations of Interest

Received from Cllr. Coles in respect of Westmorland and Furness Council.

F/96/2024 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

F/97/2024 Minutes of the previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th February 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed.

F/98/2024 Report on the Finance Action Sheet

The Town Clerk presented the current work programme to enable the Committee to note the progress made across the various actions in which the Committee was involved.

Resolved:

To confirm the actions outstanding:

- Westmorland and Furness Council update on 'Vehicle Charging Point' installations throughout the Town.
- Westmorland and Furness Council figure in respect of the proposed electricity recharge to the Town Council for the Christmas Lighting 2024.
- The possibility of assisted funding by BAE for Civic Events.
- D-Day celebration – involvement of school children.

F/99/2024 Budget 2023-2024

To consider the revised budget previously distributed.

Resolved:

Acceptance of the budget proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Jackson. All agreed.

F/100/2024 Purchase of Civic Regalia

To consider the estimates for work provided.

Resolved:

1. To purchase three 'Former Mayor Badges' (2024; 2025;2026) together with storage cases at a total cost of £875.05. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed.
2. To request the Clerk to enquire from the former Mayor if she has knowledge of an existing Consort Chain. If there is no existing chain then a new 'Mayoral Consort Chain' be purchased, together with storage case, at a total cost of £6516. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Coles. All agreed.

All items of regalia to be included on the Insurance Policy.

F/101/2024 Barrow Full – Project Funding

Further to Min.F/88 of 14th February 2024.

Detail of the 5 projects were received and accepted. The Clerk to action the agreed Funding.

F/102/2024 A Stitch Different/Arts 4 All

Further to Min.F/91.1 of 14th February 2024. The applicants having confirmed the Event to be non-viable without the full £5,000 funding originally requested, the Committee determined the original amount approved of £2,500 stands, any additional funding dependent on evidence of secured joint funding. Proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Chatfield. All agreed.

F/103/2024 Barrow Buzz

Further to Min.F/91.2 of 14th February 2024.

Barrow BID confirmed tickets would be available to purchase by members of the public. Funding of £2,500 was proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed.

Cllr. Chatfield noted the 'Buzz App' is currently being trialled and it is hoped it will be made available throughout the Town by the end of April, 2024. The Town Council have been invited to upload their Events.

F/104/2024 Christmas Lights Event 2024

To consider the request for a contribution towards the maintenance of the Christmas Lights, as noted in the Minutes of the Christmas Working Group meeting held on 4th March 2024.

Westmorland and Furness Council have also been requested to consider a funding contribution. The Clerk to contact Cllr. Cassidy to enquire what funding figure has been approved and report back at the next meeting.

F/105/2024 Cumbria in Bloom

To consider all documentation distributed by the Clerk.

Resolved:

It was noted that Westmorland and Furness Council and Barrow BID are existing funding partners.

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries concerning the level of funding they provide and to defer this matter to the next meeting for the Councillors to determine if they wish to become a third partner.

F/106/2024 Public Events Funding

1. Event Support Grant – Ormsgill Day Nursery
The Committee agreed funding of £2,500. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All agreed.
2. Get Barrow Moving – Walney Community Hub and Youth Ability Services
The Committee approved funding of £2,500. Proposed by Cllr Elliot and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All Agreed.
3. Get Barrow Moving – Salthouse Bowling Club.
The Committee approved funding of £1,924. Proposed by Cllr Chatfield and seconded by Cllr Coles. All agreed.
4. Get Barrow Moving – Barrow Celtic FC
The Committee approved funding of £2,500. Proposed by Cllr. Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Chatfield. All agreed.
5. Brighten Our Corner – Roosecote Community Hub.
The Committee approved funding of £2,000. Proposed by Cllr Coles and seconded by Cllr Elliot. All agreed.
6. Brighten Our Corner – Walney Central Nursery.
The Committee approved funding of £1,000. Proposed by Cllr. Elliot and seconded by Cllr. Chatfield. All agreed.

F/107/2024 Allotment Ground Works

To consider the report submitted by the Allotment Officer in respect of urgent pathway works:

- Roose Farm – estimated cost of works £6,557.25 ex Vat.
- Melampus Street – estimated cost of works £2,230.50 ex Vat.
- Long meadow – estimated cost of works £1,522.25 ex Vat.

The VAT will be recovered. Roose Farm Site is owned by Holker Estates and permission has been granted for the works to proceed. The Committee approved the funding of £10,310 for the three sites. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All agreed.

There is a telephone mast on the Roose Farm Site the rent for which is paid to Holker Estates. The Clerk was requested to enquire if the Telephone Company will consider making a contribution to the cost of the ground works, on the basis that their vehicles will be primarily responsible for the poor condition of the path.

F/108/2024 Mayor's Charity 'Fun Run'

The Committee considered the estimated costs for the event supplied by Barrow BID, totalling £6,076 for which a contribution of £6,000 is requested. Some of the items to be purchased are a one-off cost and assuming this Charity Event continues in future years the reduced estimated annual cost is £3,526.

Resolved:

The Committee approved funding of £6,000. Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed. The Clerk to ask for confirmation that all items purchased will be stored on BID premises, and that mechanisms will be in place for monetary donations.

F/109/2024 Any Other Business

1. Town Planters

Further to min.F/89 of 14th February, 2024. Cllr Chatfield displayed photographs of the project noting the three proposed Planters for the Town Centre. Each costing £2,500. Further it was noted:

- Westmorland and Furness Council are contributing toward the cost of the wood.
- Barrow BID are supplying the soil and plants.

Resolved:

To provide the additional funding of £5,000 for all three Planters. Proposed by Cllr. Elliot and seconded by Cllr. Coles. Three votes for yes. One abstention.

2. Event Publicity Leaflet

The Events Team at Westmorland and Furness Council will distribute in the coming weeks leaflets to 24,000 households advertising Events throughout the Town. They have enquired if the Town Council wish to place an advert in their leaflet at a cost of £240.

Resolved:

Proposed by Cllr. Chatfield and seconded by Cllr. Jackson that the Town Council accept this offer and the Clerk to approach Steven Story@DesignServices to prepare a suitable advert for Committee approval via e-mail due to the approaching deadline for submission.

F/93//23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 18.00pm in the Law Library, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 19:25 pm.

Lesley Smyth
Town Clerk