



BARROW TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Finance Committee held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 17.30pm in the Law Library at the Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-Furness

Cllr P Jackson - Chair	Present	Cllr S Herbert	Present
Cllr F Chatfield	Apology	Cllr C Altree	Present
Cllr A Coles	Present	Cllr N Phillips	Apology
Cllr C Thomson	Present	Cllr B Elliot -Vice Chair	Present
Cllr. K Hyland	Apology		

In attendance: Cllr. M Leach

Lesley Smyth (Town Clerk)

F/124/2024 Apologies

Received and accepted from Cllr Chatfield; Cllr Griffiths; Cllr Phillips and Cllr Hyland.

F/125/2024 Declarations of Interest

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

F/126/2024 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were considered for exclusion.

F/127 /2024 Minutes of the previous Meeting

Resolved: To receive the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th April 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign them as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr. Elliot. All agreed.

F/128/2024 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.
- Roose Farm Allotment Mast – Funding contribution sought from Holker Estates and EE Ltd.
- Payment card for the allotment vehicle charging. It was agreed a Unity Bank Corporate Multi Payment Card be obtained. The original EV card approved was too expensive.
- Police attendance at the Civic Ceremonies and the possible associated costs. It is a possibility that the Police may be reviewing their position so no further approach will be made to the private traffic management companies until there is definite confirmation from the Police.
- The delivery of the Chairs to the nurse's staff room at FGH and photograph for the Council website and press.
- The War Memorial has been cleaned and received many positive messages from the Public. However, on closer inspection there are issues in respect of open joints/failed mortar on the surrounding 100 sq.m. patio which requires lime mortar repairs. The cost for IMI to undertake this work will be £7,000. To be discussed at Full Board on 21st May 2024. If the work is approved the Clerk will seek a minimum of three Tenders.

F/129/2024 Receipts and Payments Account for the year 2023-2024

Final Income and Expenditure figures for the financial year 2023-2024 were reported.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr. Herbert and seconded by Cllr Jackson that the accounts be approved. All agreed. To be ratified by Full Council on 21st May 2024.

F/130/2024 Budget 2024-2025

The Draft Budget for the ensuing year was presented for approval.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Jackson that the Budget be approved. All agreed. To be presented to Full Council on 21st May for ratification.

Bank Reconciliation as at 30th April 2024

Balance brought forward	£212,724.80
April Income	£293,891.45
April Expenditure	£33,290.61
Balance of Funds	£434,149.96
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F/131/2024 Public Events Funding

1. Event Support Grant – Furness Abbey Fellowship.

The Committee agreed funding of £1,000. Proposed by Cllr. Altree and seconded by Cllr. Jackson. All agreed.

2. Event Support Grant – Silver Sunday (Age UK Barrow & District Ltd).

The Committee agreed funding of £2,365. Proposed by Cllr. Altree and seconded by Cllr. Herbert. All agreed. The Clerk to notify the applicant that opportunities for funding will vary year on year.

3. Brighten Our Corner – Greengate Junior School;

The Committee approved funding of £700. Proposed by Cllr. Jackson and seconded by Cllr. Herbert. All agreed.

4. Get Barrow Moving – Walney Rugby Club

The Committee agreed funding of £2,442.71. Proposed by Cllr Elliot and seconded by Cllr Thomson. All agreed. The Committee requested the North Walney Ward Councillors obtain a photograph of the Club Members with the newly purchased equipment for the Council Website and press.

F/132/2024 Any Other Business

1. Cllr P Jackson is retiring as Chair of Finance. The Committee thanked her for all her hard work over the past year.

2. Assistant Town Clerk

Office accommodation remains an issue. A room within the Town Hall cannot be used as the Town Council do not have Wifi access. Deferred to the Staffing Committee.

F/133/23 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 17.30pm in the Law Library, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 18:27 pm

Lesley Smyth

Town Clerk