



ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Town Clerk: Miss Caroline Mills PSLCC

17th April 2023

To all Members of the Finance Committee

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston, on Monday 24th April 2023, at 7.30pm, and you are summoned to attend. The agenda is set out below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any of the Council's Full Council or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. All agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the Council's website www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk.

Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Mills

Town Clerk

AGENDA

Climate and Biodiversity Emergency:

Chair to remind Members to be mindful of the climate and biodiversity emergency declared by Royston Town Council when making decisions on behalf of the council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Time will be set aside for members of the public to address the Council on items on the agenda. A maximum of 15 minutes is allocated to public participation and any individual member of the public shall have three minutes to deliver their statement. Members of the public should contact the Town Clerk, in advance of the meeting, if they wish to speak.

1. Apologies:

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations.

2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

Members are reminded that they are required to notify the Chair of any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda.

Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring other declarable interests, which require they leave the room under the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, if members of the public are allowed to speak, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.

It is up to a member to determine whether to make a declaration, however, if you should

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- require any assistance, please consult the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.
- 2.2** Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations for interests.
- 2.3** To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- 3. Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes:**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on:
- 27th March 2023 (minutes 370/23 to 378/23, copy enclosed).
- 4. Minutes of Sub-Committees and Working Party Meetings:**
Members to receive the notes of the Events Working Party meeting held on 27th March 2023 into the workings of the council (copy enclosed)
- 5. Accounts for Payment:**
To resolve to approve the April 2023 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts (copy enclosed).
- 6. Plaque for seat on Melbourn Road:**
Members are to resolve to agree to pay for a plaque, at a cost of £135, for the new seat being installed on Melbourn Road, funded by the Town Council, in honour of the late councillor F John Smith with the following wording:
F John Smith 1932-2021
In appreciation and recognition of his service to the community of Royston for over 60 years.
- 7. Museum funding arrangements:**
Members are to resolve to agree that:
- a) the November CPI figure is used to determine the uplift in funding each year in the Museum SLA, prior to the budget being agreed.
 - b) for the current year, to pay the Museum Trust CIO two equal instalments of £50,368.50 in April and September 2023, in line with the November 2022 CPI figure (information enclosed).
- 8. Exclusion of Press and public:**
In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is proposed that in the public interest, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provision of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
- 9. Royston Picture Palace cinema:**
To discuss this matter and agree any further action to be taken (information enclosed).

Date of next meeting: 15th May 2023