

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 27th March 2023.

PRESENT: Councillor Compton (Chair)
Councillors Antony, Brown, Harrison, Inwood, Lockett and Squire-Smith

In attendance: Town Clerk
County Councillor Hill
District Councillors Green and Hunter

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and reminded Members of the Climate & Biodiversity Emergency declared by Royston Town Council and asked Members to be mindful of this when making decisions on behalf of the Council. The Chair informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

370/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

371/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillor Jani.

372/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

373/23 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 (minutes 330/23 to 343/23). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

374/23 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members received the notes of the Senior Committee Working Party meetings held on 7th February 2023 and 8th March 2023 into the workings of the council.

375/23 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

In response to a question regarding hiring income from the council's properties, the Town Clerk explained that Market Hill Rooms has seen increased use from children's birthday parties at the weekends over the winter and Room 11 now has a couple of new regular hirers and so their income has increased. On the other hand, the Town Hall was not seen as an occasional venue by potential hirers because of its pricing point and so its income has remained steady.

i) Members received and noted the Bank Reconciliation for February 2023.

- ii) Members received and noted the February 2023 Income and Expenditure report compared against budgets for 2022-2023.

376/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the March 2023 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

377/23 SEATING ON MELBOURN ROAD:

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendation from the General Purposes & Highways Committee and agree to pay for the purchase and installation of a seat on Melbourn Road at a cost of £793.38.

378/23 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

There were none.

Date of next meeting: 24th April 2023.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____