

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 29th April 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor Haugh (Chair)
Councillors Adams, Antony, Inwood, Lockett and Squire-Smith
In attendance: Town Clerk

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and informed those present that the meeting was being recorded. The Chair 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.

367/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

368/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Compton, Harrison and Jani.

Councillor Lockett joined the meeting at 7:31pm.

369/24 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.

370/24 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 25th March 2024 (minutes 340/24 to 350/24). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

371/24 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members received the notes of the Allotments Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 20th February 2024 into the workings of the council.

372/24 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the April 2024 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

373/24 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

There were none.

374/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:

Members **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, 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.

375/24 WAR MEMORIAL CLEANING:

- a) An amendment was proposed that rather than automatically cleaning the Memorial every two years, it should be assessed at a two-yearly interval and then quotes sought as and when required. All members agreed the amendment. Members **RESOLVED** that the quote from Cam Stonecraft should be accepted to clean the War Memorial before November 2024 and the expenditure would be taken from general reserves. Further assessments will be carried out at two-yearly intervals to evaluate whether cleaning is needed, and further quotes obtained as required.
- b) Members **RESOLVED** to agree to donate £50 to the church to cover the cost of water used.

376/24 TOWN HALL GABLE END ROOF AND SOFFIT REPAIRS:

Members **RESOLVED** that the quote from Apex Roofing and Scaffolding should be accepted to repair the Town Hall gable end roof and soffits and the expenditure would be taken from general reserves.

Date of next meeting: 20th May 2024

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.48pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____