

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Haugh (Chair)  
Councillors Adams, Antony, Brown, Harrison, Jani, Lockett, Rees and Squire-Smith

**In attendance:** Deputy Town Clerk  
Town Councillor Freeman  
County Councillor Hill

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.

**212/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

There was none.

**213/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Inwood.

**214/25 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.

**215/25 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (minutes 182/25 to 195/25). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**216/25 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:**

Members received the notes of the Markets Advisory Sub-committee meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 into the workings of the council.

**217/25 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:**

- 1) Members received and noted the Bank Reconciliation for October 2024.
- 2) Members received and noted the October 2024 Income and Expenditure report compared against budgets for 2024-2025.

**218/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

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

**219/25 WAR MEMORIAL LIGHTS:**

Members discussed the report and agreed that the required works were not a cost-effective use of taxpayers' money, particularly as the War Memorial was reasonably well lit from the lamp columns opposite the site.

Members **RESOLVED** to proceed no further with the investigation but instead ask officers to obtain a quote for removing the defunct lights.

**220/25 STAFF SALARIES:**

Members noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has reached an agreement on rates of pay for the current year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree an increase, with effect from 1st April 2024, of £1,290 (pro

rata for part-time employees) to be paid as a consolidated, permanent addition on all NJC pay points 2 to 43 inclusive.

Pay increases will be implemented as soon as possible and arrears will be paid.

**221/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:**

There were none.

Date of next meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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