

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 8.09pm on Monday 27th January 2025.

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

In attendance: County Councillor Hill, District Councillor Johnson
Town Councillor Beardwell
1 member of the public

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.

275/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

276/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jani.

277/25 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.

278/25 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 16th December 2024 (minutes 222/25 to 235/25. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

279/25 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members received the notes of the Allotments Advisory sub-committee meeting held on 10th December 2024 into the workings of the council.

280/25 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

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

281/25 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the January 2025 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

282/25 ALLOTMENTS:

- a) Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the RTC/RAGA working arrangement into the workings of the council.
- b) Allotment Strategy 2025-2030, an amendment was proposed to add the following to page 6, paragraph 5.5: The levels of rent and any concessionary schemes are considered annually in consultation with RAGA and/or any other allotment associations. The amendment was seconded and duly carried.
Members **RESOLVED** to adopt the amended Allotment Strategy 2025-2030 into the workings of the council.

283/25 FESTIVAL OF COLOURS:

- a) Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation by the Events Advisory sub-committee to stage a Festival of Colours event in part of Priory Memorial Gardens on Saturday 15th March 2025.
- b) An amendment was proposed to increase the budget to £1,500 to be prepared for the possibility of more attendees.
The amendment was seconded and duly carried.
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the amended budget of £1,500 for the event.

284/25 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

There were none.

Date of next meeting: 24th February 2025

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.37pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____

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