

NEATH TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the hybrid Meeting held on Thursday, 20th April 2023 at 6pm

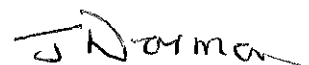
Present: Cllr. R. Price (Chair), Cllr. Mrs S. Price (Vice Chair), Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer, Cllr. J. Miller, Cllr. A. Musaiied, Cllr. T. Pearson, Cllr. Mrs S. M. Penry, Cllr. M. Protheroe, Cllr. J. Warman (Kathryn Charles - Town Clerk, Amanda Holmes - RFO)

Absent: Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd, Cllr. P. Sambrook

- F2023/37 To accept apologies for absence from Members**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. K. Finn
- F2023/38 To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct**
There were no declarations of interest received.
- F2023/39 To review and agree Income & Expenditure movement for the month**
a. Bills Awaiting Payment
b. BACS Payment Schedule
c. Barclays General Account
d. Inter Bank transfers (Over 10k)
e. New Supplier BACS Authorisation
f. Payroll
g. Bank Statement Reconciliation
General update from RFO that the bank balance was low as the payment for New Street had been paid. The precept would be due shortly which will reinstate the normal balances.
- F2023/40 Bad debt review - as at 31st March 2023**
Members reviewed the data provided. It was clarified that the information provided was all debt not just bad debt. Significant work had been undertaken with large payments to be chased although some hall hire had been invoiced in advance. **RESOLVED:** Bad debt of £3,522 had been written off.

Clarity was given on BACS payments.
- F2023/41 Budget v Actual review – as at 31st March 2023**
Members reviewed the data and discussed variances.
- F2023/42 To review and consider Planning Applications**
There were no objections to the following planning applications received:

P2023/0243 - Mr Gregg Bennett - 5 The Avenue, Neath SA11 2FD
P2023/0275 - Mr Knuckey - 70 The Meadows, Cimla, Neath SA11 3XF
P2023/0276 - Mr David Richard Morgan - 13 Osprey Drive, Cimla, Neath SA11 3SL
- F2023/43 To discuss any Member Issues and receive Reports from Members on meetings they have attended on behalf of Neath Town Council**
Cllr Musaiied to update Full Council on One Voice Wales Larger Councils meeting he attended.
- F2023/44 To receive items for the next Agenda**
None.
- F2023/45 To receive an overview of Health & Safety matters**
None.
- F2023/46 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS – To consider passing a resolution under the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting**
The resolution was duly passed.



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To discuss and review any:-

a. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

b. Ongoing, Current and Future Commercial Contracts

Tanking Service in Basement Burton Block being undertaken on 21.04.23

Awaiting CCTV costs for Neath Castle from NiteLite.

BT Openreach Alarm cable cut at Neath Town Hall. NiteLite have confirmed that system is working – engineer called.

Town Clerk informed Members that the drain at Melin Community Centre was blocked. A sign had been installed in the kitchen to ask users not to block the sink. Contractors have been instructed to flush system.

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To receive an overview of any Staffing matters

None.

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To fix a date and agree an Agenda for the next Meeting

The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th May 2023. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed: S. M. Lenny

Dated: 1 - 5 - 2023

J. Norman