

NEATH TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of the hybrid Meeting held on Thursday, 15th June 2023 at 6pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs S. Price (Chair), Cllr. T. Pearson (Vice Chair), Cllr. K. Finn, Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd, Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer, Cllr. J. Miller, Cllr. A. Musaiid, Cllr. Mrs S. M. Penry, Cllr. R. Price Cllr. M. Protheroe, Cllr. P. Sambrook, Cllr. J. Warman (Kathryn Charles - Town Clerk, Jenna Reed – Finance Officer, Sara Wharmby - Admin Assistant)

Cllr. R. Price thanked Members for their support and wished to welcome Jenna Reed as the new Finance Officer.

F2023/50 To elect a Chairman for the Finance Committee

Cllr. J. Warman nominated Cllr. Mrs S. Price for the position of Chair of the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer. **RESOLVED:** Agreed.

F2023/51 To elect a Vice Chairman for the Finance Committee

Cllr. R. Price nominated Cllr. T. Pearson for the position of Chair of the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs J. L. Lockyer. **RESOLVED:** Agreed. One Member abstained from the vote.

Cllr. Mrs S. Price thanked Members for appointing her as Chair.

Cllr. T. Pearson thanked Members for appointing him as Vice Chair.

Cllr. P. Sambrook entered the Meeting.

F2023/52 To accept apologies for absence from Members

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. P. James.

F2023/53 To receive any declarations of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct

There were no declarations of interest received.

F2023/54 To review and agree Income & Expenditure movement for the month:-

- a. Bills awaiting payment - Agreed.
- b. BACs payment schedule - Agreed.
- c. Barclays general account – receipts and payments - Agreed.
- d. Inter-bank transfers - None.
- e. New supplier BACs authorisation forms - Agreed.
- f. Payroll overview – Agreed.

Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd disconnected from the Meeting.

g. Bank statement reconciliation - Agreed.

Additional invoices had been given to Members regarding works at 1-4 New Street. **RESOLVED:** Agreed.

F2023/55 To review current Financial Regulations

Members had received the document prior to the Meeting.

The Town Clerk stated they were reviewed every year and suggested points Council may wish to amend or remove.

Cllr. Ms M. P. Lloyd returned to the Meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed, seconded and agreed to approve all suggested amendments.

F2023/56 To review and consider Planning Applications

There were no objections to the following planning applications:
P2022/0739 – Mr D. Lukes – 9 Beechwood Avenue, Neath, SA11 3TD

P2023/0425 – Mr & Mrs Hill – Moose Hall, Castle, Street, Neath, SA11 3LU
P2023/0426 – Mr & Mrs Hill – Moose Hall, Castle, Street, Neath, SA11 3LU
P2023/0431 – Mr J. Clark – 10 Edith Mills Close, Penrhiwtyn, Neath, SA11 2JL

- F2023/57** **To receive items for the next Agenda from Members**
There were no items for the next Agenda.
- F2023/58** **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.
- F2023/59** **To discuss and review any correspondence received relating to Finance**
None.
- F2023/60** **To receive the Clerk's Report on issues relating to Investment Properties or Commercial Contracts**
A proposal was presented to Members regarding Unit 2 of 1-4 New Street. Members discussed the proposal. **RESOLVED:** The offer was rejected.
- F2023/61** **To fix a date for the next Meeting**
The Chair advised that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th July 2023. An agenda would be circulated in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

Signed: 

Dated: 06/07/2023