



# Penrith Town Council

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**DRAFT** Minutes of the meeting of the

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Held on Monday 14 September 2022, at 6.00 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Cllr. Burgin	South Ward	Cllr. Rudhall	East Ward
Cllr. Kenyon	North Ward	Cllr. Shepherd	East Ward
Cllr. Knaggs	West Ward		

Services and Contracts Manager  
Responsible Finance Officer

The Town Council resolved from 20 May 2019, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, which having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
14 November 2022**

**FIN22/37 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lawson.

**FIN22/38 Confirmation of the Minutes**

Members authorised the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on Monday 26 September 2022.

**FIN22/39 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

Members were asked to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed whether disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interest, and to decide requests for dispensations. There were no declarations of interest and requests for dispensations.

**FIN22/40 Public Participation**

Members noted that there were no questions or representations from members of the public.

**FIN22/41 Excluded Item: Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Members considered whether any items should be considered without the press and public, pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act, 1960.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

Matter 16 Staffing Matters be considered in Part Two, private session without the presence of the press and public as this item of business related to the financial and personal affairs of a particular person, in this instance members of staff.

**FIN22/42 Payments for Approval**

- a) Members noted that prior to the meeting, Cllr. Kenyon and Cllr. Shepherd verified and confirmed that the banking transaction history for September and October 2022 reconciled and agreed with the transactions circulated with the meeting documents.
- b) Members were asked to agree the two Councillors undertake the payments for approval checking for the next meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 14 November 2022.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

Cllr Kenyon and Cllr Shepherd check the payments for approval prior to the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 16 January 2023.

### **FIN22/42 Payments for Approval, continued**

c) Members considered the Monthly Report of Payments for September and October 2022.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The Monthly Report of Payments for September and October 2022 be approved.

### **FIN22/43 Bank Reconciliation**

Members considered the Bank Reconciliation for the HSBC Bank account for the period ending 30 September and 31 October 2022.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The Bank Reconciliation for the HSBC Bank account for the period ending 30 September and 31 August 2022 be approved and signed by Cllr Knaggs.

### **FIN22/44 Budgetary Control Statement 2022/23: 31 October 2022**

Members considered the Budgetary Control Statement 2022/23 Expenditure for the period to 31 October 2022.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The Budgetary Control Statement 2022/23 expenditure for the period to 31 October 2022 be approved and go forward for ratification by Full Council.

### **FIN22/45 Cornmarket Area**

Members considered a request from the Board and Elbow Public House to be granted permission for use of the Cornmarket area for the outdoor hospitality in 2023 and considered the charging arrangements.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- i. The Board and Elbow be granted consent to use the Cornmarket area for the outdoor hospitality in 2023 between the dates of 01 April and 30 September.
- ii. The Services and Contracts Manager be given delegated authority to confirm the usage arrangements in line with those set out in the report.
- iii. A fee of £825 be charged for use of the Cornmarket area in 2023 and this go forward for ratification by Full Council.

### **FIN22/46 Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

Members considered the report setting out the proposed meeting dates for the 2023/24 year.

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The proposed meeting dates be approved, and the dates go forward for ratification by Full Council.

## **FIN22/47 Thacka Beck Field**

- a) Members noted the progress on the tree planting scheme in support of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project and the installation of a new path at Thacka Beck Field.
- b) Members considered a request to purchase a Queens Platinum Jubilee Bench.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

A Queens Platinum Jubilee Bench in the Council corporate style with 'vandelex' seating lats is purchased and installed at Thacka Beck Field.

## **FIN22/48 IT Service Schedule**

Members noted that the Council has renewed its IT Service Schedule for the period 27 October 2022 to 26 October 2023.

Councillor Rudhall joined the meeting

## **FIN22/49 UK GDPR Review**

Members considered a report setting out a review of the UKGDPR policy.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

- a) The Social Media Policy review be deferred, and an informal meeting be arranged with the Town Clerk to discuss the draft policy and agree the appropriate meeting to report the Draft Policy too.
- b) The Training Policy review be deferred, and an informal meeting be arranged with the Town Clerk to discuss the draft policy and agree the appropriate meeting to report the Draft Policy too.
- c) Members noted the data and audit risk assessment.
- d) Members noted that the following policies have had typographical errors and dates amended and that the overall content is unchanged, and that UK GDPR is referenced rather than EU GDPR:
  - i. Privacy Policy
  - ii. Information Security Incident Policy
  - iii. Information Protection Policy
  - iv. SAR Requests
  - v. Data Protection Policy
  - vi. Subject Access Request Policy
  - vii. Removable Media Policy
- e) Members noted that the Council's GDPR policies will be consolidated when the anticipated GDPR legislative changes are enacted.
- f) Members noted that the Information Security Policy and Password Policy to comply with Cyber Essentials is being reviewed by the Council's IT contractor.

## **FIN22/50 2022-23 National Salary Award**

Members noted that NALC has informed the Council of the new rates of pay applicable from the 01 April 2022 and that the new rates of pay and backdated increases will be paid to staff in December. Members considered that the cost of the scheme be met from the Devolution Reserve.

## **FIN22/51 Next Meeting**

Members noted that the next meeting of the Finance Committee was scheduled for **Monday 16 January 2023** at **Board Room, Unit 1, Church House** at **6.00pm**.

## **Private Session**

### **Part II**

Members agreed that there was one item in this part of the agenda to be considered in private as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information under the following category of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Exempt information relating to members of staff.

## **FIN22/52 Staffing Matters**

Members considered a confidential oral report on staffing matters.

### **RESOLVED THAT:**

The oral report be noted.

### **CHAIR:**

### **DATE:**

## **FOR ATTENTION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND FOR INFORMATION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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