

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held at 3 New Street, Daventry on Monday,
14th March 2022 at 18:30hrs

PRESENT: Cllr Lynne Taylor – Chair

Councillors

Mike Arnold
Malcolm Ogle
Janet Matthews
Ted Nicholl
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell – Chief Officer (CO)
Sarah Fox – Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)
0 Members of the Public
0 Members of the Press

OPEN FORUM.

None.

FP2203.1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Knape and Tweedale.

RESOLVED:	That the apologies for Cllrs Knape and Tweedale be approved.
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FP2203.2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

FP2203.3. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:	That the Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Monday 14 th February 2022 having been circulated, be approved, and signed as a correct record.
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FP2203.4. POLICIES.

Members reviewed the Small Grants Application Form, and it was

RECOMMENDED	That the Small Grants Application Form, be approved.
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FP2203.5. TOWN CENTRE – AMENITY SIGNAGE.

The RFO advised that the finger post signs needed to be updated with relevant directional signage, and it was

RESOLVED:	That approval be given for the virement of £800 from the Street Lighting Maintenance & Repairs to purchase finger post signage to reflect current destinations within the town.
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FP2203.6. INTERNAL FINANCIAL CHECK.

Members noted the results of the internal financial checks for quarter 2 and 3.

Members considered the appointment of councillors for the Q4/ Year End internal financial check and concurred that the Year End check should be completed by two members of the Finance & Policy Committee and one Councillor from Full Council.



RESOLVED:	That Cllr Janet Matthews and Cllr Mike Arnold be appointed to review Quarter 4 / Year End, January to March 2022.
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RECOMMENDED	That one Councillor from Full Council be appointed to review the quarter 4 / Year End Internal Financial Check, in partnership with Cllr Matthews and Cllr Arnold.
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FP2203.7. DRAFT PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION OWNERSHIP OF DOGS AND PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES.

Members considered the report. Cllr Matthews questioned how enforceable the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) would be. Cllr Thurston expressed disappointment with the consultation as the response options were leading.

Cllr Arnold summarised that the suggested proposals would be difficult to enforce and did not give any detail on how the PSPO could be applied, raising expectations for actions to be taken. He also questioned the neutrality of the consultation questions.

RECOMMENDED	That the Town Council is unable to support the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order in relation to the ownership of dogs and prohibition of smoking in certain places, as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the format of the consultation was too leading and varied to enable any analysis of the data to be of benefit in the decision-making process and, (ii) the prohibitions will be difficult to enforce.
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FP2203.8. FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Members referred to the financial reports and the Chair confirmed she had seen the bank statements and reconciled the balances.

RESOLVED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Council budget/income and expenditure report for February 2022 be received. (ii) That the statement of Earmarked Reserves for February 2022 be received. (iii) That the CIL receipts and expenditure report be received. (iv) That the statement of balances and reconciliation as of 28th February 2022 be approved and signed. (v) That the schedule of payments for the period 15th February 2022 to 14th March 2022 be approved and signed. (vi) That the schedule of petty cash payments and inter account transfer for the period to 15th February 2022 to 14th March 2022 be approved and signed.
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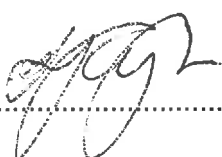
FP2203.9. CORRESPONDENCE.

None received.

FP2203.10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee will be held on Monday 11th April 2022.

The meeting closed at 19:04 hrs.

SIGNED


DATED
