



Minutes of a Finance Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at midday on Monday 6th November in the Town Hall

Present: Cllr P Eames (Chairman); Cllr P Atkin; Cllr P Cornfoot; Cllr A Hugill; Cllr C Hutson and Cllr J Hutson.
Also present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

FC23/023 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
All councillors were present.

FC23/024 To consider if it is necessary to resolve to exclude members of the press and public by virtue of Public (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, due to the confidential nature of any agenda items
It was resolved it was not necessary to exclude members of the press and public

FC23/025 To approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd October 2023
It was resolved that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 23rd October 2023 be approved

FC23/026 To consider the revised draft of a budget for 2024/2025 and agree a recommendation to Full Council
Discussion took place around the requirements for 2024/2025 budget to allow the council to continue to maintain public toilet provision; safe and welcoming outdoor spaces and a vibrant Town Hall and to work towards delivering further elements as outlined in the adopted Strategic Plan.

Key considerations were to:

- Allocate sufficient budget to the cleaning, staffing and maintenance of the new public toilet provision.
- Increase the contribution to the Tourist Information Centre by £250, given the significant value they bring to the town, specifically around the coach visitors.
- Increase support of Youth Provision to £2,500.
- Maintain, but review, the annual donation to the Bienvenue Ormesson Northallerton Twinning programme.
- Incorporate a staff cost increase of 6%.
- Continue to review planting programmes, incorporating more perennial planting and environmentally aware practices and maintain sponsorship programmes.
- Provide Christmas and Bonfire Events, actively promoting sponsorship opportunities to local businesses and to increase pitch fees.
- Build on the progress of the last year and further promote the Town Hall, to increase usage.

It was resolved that a recommendation will be made to Full Council that a precept of £435,353 is required for 2024 2025

FC23/027 To confirm the date and time of the next meetings

It was resolved that the next meeting will take place at midday on Monday 26th February 2023

The meeting closed at 13:25

Signed
Chairman
Date