



## **Minutes of a Finance Committee Meeting of Northallerton Town Council held at 10:30 on Monday 13th October in the Town Hall**

**Present:** Cllr A Hugill; Cllr P Atkin; Cllr P Cornfoot; Cllr C Hutson and Cllr J Hutson.

**Also Present:** Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

FC25/18 To receive and consider Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

**It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr P Eames**

FC25/19 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 that it was not necessary to exclude members of the press and public**

FC25/20 To approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11th August 2025

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11th August 2025 be approved**

FC25/21 To note the receipt of the notice of conclusion of audit

It was noted that the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received and displayed.

FC25/22 To note the recent RIAITAS web upgrade and associated issues

A recent update to the accounting software had brought some issues to the team. These were being shared with the provider for action and will be monitored.

FC25/23 To review expenditure against budget, year to date and agree any virements

- A line by line review of income and expenditure was undertaken.
- A review of the interest rate on the HSBC account was considered, with a view to transferring some of the precept income into a higher interest account which still offers ease of access but improved return.
- It was agreed that council should ensure value is received from subscriptions and memberships such as YLCA, by making full use of support and documents such as model policies.
- There is short term increased revenue from Upper Hall Bookings from one hirer, who is looking for permanent premises.
- The Town Hall lift is in need of modernisation and an approximate cost has been received from the current maintenance provider.
- Sponsorship of planting areas is good and there is potential to take the new roundabouts at the north of town, when these are transferred from the developer.
- No Wayleave payments are received by the council.
- A bonfire donation is received annually from Romanby Parish Council but not from Brompton Town Council despite many residents attending including those from the new housing developments.

**1. It was resolved that the Clerk will find a suitable higher interest, instant access account**

**2. It was resolved that social media will be developed to increase use of the Lower Hall on Market Days**

**3. It was resolved that lift quotes will be sought and the Clerk will look into grants for accessible buildings**

**4. It was resolved that the wayleave payments will be investigated via Northern Powergrid**

**5. It was resolved that the Clerk will write to Brompton TC again and request a donation to the Bonfire event**

FC25/24 To consider a request for support from CRUTCH for a fundraising event

A letter had been received asking for some financial support for an upcoming event. Councillors feel that the contribution made to the Christmas Meal via the Community Coffee Morning is a positive way to support the group.

**It was resolved that no further donation will be made**

Signed  
Chairman  
Date



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FC25/25 To review and agree Town Hall hire charges for 2026/2027

**It was resolved that the rates will increase with effect from 1st April 2026**

FC25/26 To agree Council priorities for 2026/2027 to inform the preparation of a budget for consideration on 10th November

- Discussion took place regarding income opportunities and expenditure priorities for the next financial year.
- Consideration was given to encouraging residents of the town to bequeath funds to the council. This will be explored further at a future meeting.
- It was agreed that a list of projects for grant funding bids will be produced, using the council's strategic plan as the template for this. Councillors will update the plan priorities in advance of this.
- Councillors agreed it would be useful to continue to use surveys to gauge residents' views on expenditure for events and provision of community facilities.

**It was resolved that the priorities for 2026/2027 will include:**

1. Delivery of allotment sites.
2. Maintenance of existing Play Equipment.
3. Town Hall Roof and Lift.
4. Provision and staffing of Public Toilets, maintaining a no cost facility for residents and visitors.

FC25/27 Next Meeting

**It was resolved that the next meeting will be 10th November at 10:30**

The meeting closed at 11:52

Signed  
Chairman  
Date