

Town Council Minutes of Meeting

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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29th June 2022, 7:00pm. Meeting held at The Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road, Kidsgrove.

22-23-FC3-01 Present

Cllrs D Allport; G Burnett; C Duffy; S Dymond; S Gallimore; A Gould; D Grocott; S Jones; V Jukes; M Maxfield; J Owen; C Skelding; L Skelding; R Tait; J Waring; P Waring (chair); A Wood.

Attending: Sue Davies (Clerk)

22-23-FC3-02 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr K Johnson; C Dickens; M Stubbs.

22-23-FC3-03 To note declarations of members' interest.

None declared.

22-23-FC3-04 Public Participation.

No members of the public present.

22-23-FC3-05 To receive and resolve to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th June 2022.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting of Thursday 16th June 2022 were approved with one amendment to correct that Cllr R Tait wasn't present but had sent his apologies.

22-23-FC3-06 Committee Membership

The corrected committee membership was verified by the Council.

Chair

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22-23-FC3-07 Audits 2021 - 2022

- a) **To receive and agree actions from the completed internal audit for 2021-2022 and to note interim audit has already been reported at F&GP at the April 2022 meeting and to ratify the recommended actions.**

The Council received the internal audit for 2021-2022. No further issues have been raised. A query was received regarding the low level of general reserves (less than 25% of precept) which could be below the level recommended by NALC. The Clerk's response, demonstrating that the reserves are just over 25% based on EMR and that the council has earmarked reserves to call on has been accepted.

- b) **To consider and to resolve to approve the Annual Governance Return 2021-2022.**

The Council considered each item on the Annual Governance Statement and resolved to approve the completed Annual Governance Return for 2021-2022.

- c) **To resolve to approve the Accounting Statements 2021-2022.**

The Council resolved to approve the accounting statements for 2021-2022.

22-23-FC3-08 To resolve to approve the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to approve the revised grant application policy.

The Council approved the amended grants policy which limits grant awards to a maximum of £1000 unless exceptional circumstances can be demonstrated.

22-23-FC3-09 To agree to defer all other council standing items to a subsequent meeting.

The Council agreed to defer all other standing items to a subsequent meeting.

22-23-FC3-10 To receive any Mayor's items, Clerk's reports and correspondence received.

The Mayor informed that a Neighbourhood Plan Committee meeting would be called imminently and that any member who wished to join this initiative would be welcome. The questionnaire responses still need evaluation. The Clerk agreed to pursue the questionnaire status with the assistant clerk who has been managing this.

22-23-FC3-11 To agree the date and time of the next meeting:

The council agreed the date and time of the next meeting as September 15th unless a need was identified prior to this, possibly on the 21st July 2022 and to have a Neighbourhood Plan meeting on the same night.