

# Town Council Meeting

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## Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute's silence was held out of respect for the late Councillor Vic Jukes**

**23-24-FC7-01**

Present:-

Councillors Sylvia Dymond, Dave Grocott, Simon Jones, Mary Maxfield, Sarah Pickup, Craig Skelding, Ray Tait, Jill Waring and Paul Waring

In attendance:-

Hannah Marr (Town Clerk)

**23-24-FC7-02**

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Burnett-Faulkner, Steve Gallimore, Andrew Gould, Kevin Johnson, Loren Skelding and Mike Stubbs

**23-24-FC7-03**

To receive declarations of Members' interests

No declarations of interests were made by Members'

**23-24-FC7-04**

To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

**23-24-FC7-05**

Public Participation

No members of the public present

Councillors Dave Allport and Jason Owen joined the meeting during this item

**23-24-FC7-06**

To receive and approve the schedule of payments for the period covering 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Members reviewed and **resolved** to approve the schedule of payments

**23-24-FC7-07**

To receive the Council year to date financial position

Members reviewed and noted the Council year to date financial position

**23-24-FC7-08**

To consider recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Finance and General Purposes Committee recommended the following:-

- Amendments to Earmarked Reserves for the financial year 2023 – 2024
- Approval of the Financial Risk Assessment
- Approval of the Councils Asset Register
- Approval of the payment to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council for election charges

Members **resolved** to approve the recommendations made

- 23-24-FC7-09** To consider matters related to the Councils Earmarked Reserves and accruals  
Members reviewed and considered the Councils Earmarked Reserves and **resolved** the amendments recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Councillor Christine Duffy joined the meeting during this item
- 23-24-FC7-10** To consider matters related to the Kidsgrove LAP  
Councillor Jill Waring provided an update to Members regarding the funds held by the Kidsgrove LAP and the recent closure of their bank account  
Members **resolved** that the funds be transferred to the Town Council for allocation
- 23-24-FC7-11** To consider matters related to Committee memberships  
Councillor Sarah Pickup passed on her comments relating to Committee memberships  
Councillor Paul Waring advised that Committee memberships will be reviewed at the beginning of the Council Year 2024 – 2025
- 23-24-FC7-12** To consider a resolution under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the meeting during the discussion of the next item on the grounds that matters contain sensitive information and by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted  
Members **resolved** to exclude the public and press from the meeting
- 23-24-FC7-13** To consider matters related to staffing and agree any actions arising  
Councillor Paul Waring provided Members with an update relating to staffing issues  
Members **resolved** that Strategi Solutions Group be appointed to support the Council  
Members **resolved** that Susan Woodward be permanently appointed as Administration Assistant  
Members **resolved** to delegate to the Clerk to appoint an Interim Assistant Clerk