

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS

HELD ON MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Jackson, Robbins and Hodson and Ferriby

Clerk: Emma Ireton

FIN/44/2023 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None

FIN/45/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/46/2023 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FIN/47/2023 BUDGETS

EI provided the committee with a final draft of the 23/24 budget, making some slight adjustments which included:

Salaries – an adjustment was made to ensure that a substantial pay award would be budgeted for and to include the new fixed term grounds maintenance operative.

Swimming Baths – It was suggested that the £9000 grant was reviewed each year after having a yearly meeting with the executive members. It was agreed that it would remain in place for this year 23/24 but a review would be useful moving forward to ensure the most appropriate amount of money is awarded which is based on their need.

Allotments – The budget is largely gone for 22/23 but United Utilities still need to connect the water pipe. There would also be an extra cost to remove some of the remaining rubbish after the allotment at Burnfoot had been cleared. The cost of this will be investigated by the office. Now the allotment has been cleared it was suggested that this would now be split into four new allotments due to the size. Another suggestion was to allow the new allotment holders to erect a fence at their own cost but pay no fees for 12 months. This would be raised at the POA committee.

Election costs of £15000 needed to be considered within the budget.

All committee members agreed with the draft budget and were happy to take to full council for approval.

FIN/48/2023 GRANTS

There were three grant applications including:

Wigton Carnival who were requesting £1200

Outcome – AGREED to pay out of the 23/24 budget. This was shared with Dennis Graham and was accepted by him. Reasons were because the grants budget was now up to budget.

Wigton History Group who were requesting £1000

Outcome – AGREED

Wigton Cricket Club who were requesting £100

Outcome - AGREED

FIN/49/2023 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – Monday 17th April 2023 at 6pm.

Meeting Closed at 7:05pm.