

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS

HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2025 AT 6:00PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Jackson, Hodson, Stapley and Ferriby
Clerk: Emma Ireton

FIN/40/2025 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr McCarthy

FIN/41/2025 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the finance meeting held on 3rd February 2025- **Agreed**

FIN/42/2025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FIN/43/2025 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FC/44/2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any representations from members of the public – Members of the public are invited to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes each. The maximum total time for public participation will be 10 minutes. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council Members unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

FIN/45/2025 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Dennis Graham requested £500 for Wigton Carnival.

RESOVLED

Members agreed to grant £500 for Wigton Carnival.

FIN/46/2025 NEW WEBSITE

Members were provided with estimates to build a new Wigton Town Council website as the current is not fit for purpose.

RESOLVED

Members voted **UNANIMOUSLY** to use the company MOD (Ministry of Doing) and approved the following costs:

£2520	To build the website
£360	Admin and Domain costs
£180	Training
£360	Search engine optimisation
£100	Website hosting
£220	Maintenance

Members did not approve £350 to take photographs as Trevor Grahamslaw could be asked to provide free professional pictures.

It was also agreed that the history, leisure and business leaflets would be placed on the website.

A sponsored page was also requested along with useful links.

FIN/47/2025 ENTERTAINMENT GRANTS

Cumberland Council's Taste of Committee requested that WTC pay local pubs a grant and then claim the money back from the Cumberland Council. The reason was because pubs needed to be set up as a supplier to be able to request a grant from the CC which is cumbersome. It was suggested that WTC could claim the grant money back easier as they were already set up as a supplier.

RESOLVED

Members declined the request due to legal issues plus residents of Wigton may not see this as a justifiable expense.

FIN/48/2025 PROJECTS

Members were informed that the Wigton Park Bowling Club tender had received some attention and at least three organisations would be submitting a tender due on 15th April

Meeting closed 18:49

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29th April 2025