

Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 12 December 2024 at 7 pm	
Councillors Present	Cllr Donfrancesco, Lokabandhu, P. Manning, L. MacDougall, Z. Price, S. Roney-Dougal, M. Smyth, and M. White
Apologies	S. Henderson and J. Cousins
Absent	Lokabandhu, and P. Manning
In Attendance	Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and 3 Members of the Public
Public Participation	0 members of the public spoke.

10. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Cottle offered apologies owing to illness and Cllr Cousins offered apologies owing to family commitments. These apologies were duly **NOTED**.

It was proposed by Cllr Roney Dougall and seconded by Lokabandhu that Councillor Price be added to the committee. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

It was proposed by Cllr Smyth and seconded by Cllr Price that Cllr Donfrancesco be added to the committee. This was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were made in addition to those already declared to the Monitoring Officer.

12. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting were considered a correct record and **SIGNED**.

13. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

a. Citizen's Advice Support

Cllr Roney-Dougal proposed that a grant of £997 be awarded. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

b. Create and Thrive CIC

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that the Town Clerk be delegated to award a grant of up to £250 be made subject to the Town Clerk reviewing a suitable set of financial documents. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

c. Ethical Tickets / ePasses LTD

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Manning proposed a grant of £200 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

d. Grove Wellbeing CIC

A presentation was given by the applicant.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed that that grant of £250 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Price and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

e. Lift Up!

Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be made because the applicant did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr Manning and **RESOLVED** unanimously with one abstention.

f. Sweet Track Counselling

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Price proposed that that grant of £2,500 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Smyth and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

g. The Mural Trail

Cllr Smyth proposed that that grant of £150 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Donfrancesco and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

h. ToTheTrees

Cllr Donfrancesco proposed that the Town Council purchase up to £150 of printing materials, net of VAT, rather than provide a grant. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

i. United Reformed Church

Cllr Smyth proposed that that grant of £1000 be made. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and **RESOLVED** unanimously.

j. Wild Moon Morris

A presentation was given by the applicants.

Cllr Smyth proposed that no grant be made because the applicant did not meet the criteria. This was seconded by Cllr Lokabandhu and **RESOLVED** unanimously with two abstentions.

14. TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT BUDGET AND RECOMMEND A PRECEPT DEMAND FOR 2025-26

The Town Clerk went through a draft budget that had been prepared with the Responsible Finance Officer which showed all of the suggested projects and committee expenditure for next year.

Following some amendments Cllr Smyth proposed that the draft budget be recommended to Full Council with a Precept figure of £1,056,000 which represents a Band D Precept of £316.49; an increase of 39 pence per week. 76% of households in Glastonbury are Bands A to C and will pay a smaller increase. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal and was **RESOLVED** unanimously.

15. TO REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THE COMPLETED EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN FOR 2023-24 AND CONSIDER ACTIONS ABOVE THOSE ALREADY AGREED

This was **NOTED** by councillors.

16. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 10th July 2025.

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