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## **MINUTES**

Minutes of a Meeting of Welshpool Town Council Finance Committee held on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025** in the Council Chamber, Welshpool Town Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr M.Bailey  
Cllr W.Rowell  
Cllr S.Fitzgerald (via Zoom)  
Cllr P.Owen  
Cllr P.Pritchard  
Cllr E.Bleivas

Also Present: Cllr C.Robinson (via Zoom)  
Cllr N.Howells (via Zoom)  
PCC Cllr Graham Breeze  
V.Voysey (Responsible Finance Officer/Proper Officer)  
K.Wright (Events and Markets Officer)  
W.Lewis (Services Manager)

### **F102.2024 Welcome from the Chairman**

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the meeting

### **F103.2024 Apologies for absence**

**RESOLVED** to receive an apology from Cllr Ben Gwalchmai and Cllr David France

### **F104.2024 Declarations of Interest.**

**RESOLVED** to note that there were no declarations of interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.

### **F105.2024 Public Question Time and Participation**

There were none at this time

## **F106.2024 Minutes**

**RECOMMENDED** to confirm the minutes of Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 as a true record

## **F107.2024 Town Council Accounts**

Members scrutinised the Town Council's accounts. There was discussion on the following matters:

- It was noted that the invoice for Healthmatic is a final invoice.
- It was noted that the cost of water supply to the Football Club for half a year was £1334.93, with the yearly income from rent of £700. There was a discussion on the need to improve income from sports clubs, and comments were made about charging market rents and about the amount of subsidy that should be offered or otherwise to sports clubs. The Town Mayor, Cllr Phil Owen, offered a legal opinion on leases and licenses. The Chairman, Cllr Morag Bailey, noted that the Audit Committee has included sports clubs on its list of reviews.
- The £10K overspend on recreation maintenance relates to the fencing put up by the Bowling Club. Full Council are being asked to make a virement to amend this part of the budget. The Chairman, Cllr Morag Bailey, noted that the Bowling Club had offered to pay part of the costs of the fence and that this sum should be invoiced to the club.
- The loan from BLT covering the final costs of the TiC building have been repaid. Cllr Pritchard said that the R.F.O and staff should be thanked for ensuring this was repaid on time as promised by the Town Council.
- Charity monies raised by Cllr Estelle Bleivas' booksales, Cllr Nick Howells coffee morning, and Cllr Alison Davies' International Women's Day Collection are on the payment schedule for March. Thanks was given to Cllr Bleivas for her work in putting on charity book sales each year

Rev. Bill Rowell said the R.F.O should be thanked for her work.

**RECOMMENDED** to confirm and agree the following

### **February 2025 (month 11)**

- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook Report
- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook 30 Day Deposit A/C
- Bank Reconciliation and Cashbook Petty Cash

- Income and Expenditure Report

**RECOMMENDED** to confirm and agree payment of invoices March 2025

**F108.2024 The Hub**

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) asked members if they would consider it useful to set up a separate charity account for the Hub. There was some discussion on this matter, including reference to other charity works undertaken by Councillors. Grants are currently paid through LGA 1972 s.137, this requires separate accounting for auditing purposes.

It was agreed that this should be considered, and information on suitable accounts be brought back to the next meeting.

**F109.2024 Date of Next meeting**

Member noted that the next meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

**F110.2024 Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RECOMMENDED** that in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and that they are instructed to withdraw, due to the nature of the business about to be transacted which is considered to be prejudicial to the public interest

**F111.2024 Sales Ledger**

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) and Events and Markets Officer (Mrs Wright) gave Council an update on the Sales Ledger.

It was resolved to give the Events and Market Officer authority to do with a market agreement issue.

**F112.2024 Legal Matters**

The R.F.O (Ms Voysey) updated Councillors on legal matters relating to Sports Clubs. A way forwards was agreed.