

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2025 IN THE GARDEN ROOM OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Waters (Vice Chair), Eichner & Killick

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Gilbert, la Djoï & Volkers

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs Jaffay & Taylor-Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk and 1 members of the public

27/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

28/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Gilbert (ill health), la Djoï (ill health) and Volkers (ill health)

29/25 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS OR REQUEST DISPENSATION PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

Name	Min. No.	Category of Interest	Reason
Cllr. Waters	33/25 2.	Personal	Trustee of FRSGA

Cllr Waters applied for a dispensation under Standing Order 14 which was granted.

30/25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER 2024

Cllr. Eichner proposed that the minutes of the meeting of 19th November 2024 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED

31/25 CLERKS REPORT ON MATTERS NOT REQUIRING A DECISION

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| 1. Year end closedown – 15 th April 2025 | NOTED |
| 2. Staffing changes – | NOTED |
| 3. Policy reviews – Cllr. Gilbert & Carolyn Coomber working on this | NOTED |
| 4. Leases – | NOTED |
| 5. New server – being chased up | NOTED |

32/25 FINANCIAL REPORT

This had been previously circulated and was NOTED

Cllr. Waters proposed that item 10 Grant Applications be discussed at this point of the agenda. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED

33/25 GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. Forest Row Choral Society – Cllr. Waters proposed that a grant of £ 1000 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED. The Society would be asked if concessionary tickets were available and what happened to any profit made.
2. Forest Row Sports Ground Association – Cllr. Eichner proposed that a grant of £ 2,500 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.
3. Frow Friends – Cllr. Eichner proposed that a grant of £ 1,333 be made to avoid the need for sponsored items). This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.
4. Open Spaces Society – Cllr. Killick proposed that a grant of £ 500 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Waters and AGREED.
5. St Catherines Hospice – Cllr. Killick proposed that a grant of £ 500 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.
6. Starting Over Show – Cllr. Eichner proposed that a grant of £ 450 be made. This was seconded by Cllr. Killick and AGREED.

34/25 TO CONSIDER A DRAFT POLICY ON COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The draft policy was discussed and amended and Cllr. Waters proposed that the draft be adopted and referred to Full Council for implementation. This was seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

35/25 CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

A printout to mid-month 11 had been previously circulated and was NOTED

36/25 LIST OF PAYMENTS

The List of Payments had been circulated in advance and was APPROVED.

Unity Trust from 6 th November 2024 – 11 TH February 2025	£172,287.50
Pockit Card – David O’Driscoll 1 st Nov 2024 to 11 th February 2025	£ 1,307.51
Pockit Card – Carolyn Coomber 1 st Nov 2024 to 11 th February 2025	£ 1,049.64
Pockit Card – Gages 1 st Nov 2024 to 11 th February 2025	£ 991.29
Pockit Card – Youth 1 st Nov 2024 to 11 th February 2025	<u>£ 1,114.77</u>
Total	£176,750.71

37/25 BANK RECONCILIATION & INVESTMENTS

These had been previously circulated and were NOTED

Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the committee believes that the public and press to be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of the confidential nature to be transacted.

38/25 TO CONSIDER PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE REVIEW OF SPINE POINTS AND DIFFERENTIALS

The recommendations from the Personnel Committee had been previously circulated as confidential backing papers and were proposed for ratification by Cllr. Killick, seconded by Cllr. Eichner and AGREED.

39/25 TO NOTE ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

SIGNED:..... (Chairman) DATE.....