

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee held 13 November 2023

FBP23/63 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr S Barker, Cllr P Carr Cllr A Jordan, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr K Player and Cllr C Whittall
In attendance: Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)

FBP23/64 Apologies for Absence: None

FBP23/65 Variation in Order of Business: None

FBP23/66 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

Cllr Clamp	Personal Interest item 7 (Colts) Support for Traders Association - Wizard Day
Cllr Whittall	Personal Interest item 7 (NOW) Support for Traders Association - Wizard Day

Open Forum opened 6:35pm

FBP23/67 Open Forum:

Two members of the Traders Association provided a summary of the recent Wizarding Day and plans for 2024.

Open Forum closed 6:50pm

FBP23/68 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee dated 9 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

FBP23/69 Monthly Budget Balance

REC that the position be noted including the recently agreed NJC pay award which will be applied in November (it was decided to take Budget discussion immediately after this).

FBP23/70 Budget 2024/25

To consider any potential / additional expenditure required in the following financial year.

REC that a revised budget be drawn up with the following assumptions for 2024 onwards - staff & energy costs to increase by 5 & 10%, and increase in precept of 7.5/10% with increases of 5% in following years). That the budget for 2023/24 be revised to account for the pay award and also increased energy/rates costs. That the lettings costs be increased each year in line with a precept increase. That as new tenants are taken on that a revised

lease be introduced that makes provision to pass on costs from utilities.

FBP23/71 Support for Traders Association - Wizard Day

Following request for a Community Grant, Resolution 23/52 that the group/applicant be invited to open forum at the next committee meeting to discuss the request and how the Town Council can assist with supporting the event.

REC that committee now await the Community Grant request from the group seeking support for the 2024 event. That the wider issue of council support for annual events be discussed at full council alongside discussion regarding Festival and Carnival/Well Dressing.

FBP23/72 Community Grant Request – Warmer Wirksworth

A request for a grant of £300 to assist with transport costs for the project.

REC that a grant of £300 be approved and that the organisation are reminded of the grant clause that WTC should be acknowledged in publicity.

FBP23/73 Extending the opening days/times Barmote Croft Toilet

Progress of Resolution FBP23/36 - investigate the potential costs of installing automatic locks (2 quotes) and outsourcing cleaning (1 quote) and the impact on existing staff contracts.

REC that the quotes are held on record but at present that the toilets at Barmote are opened on bank holidays subject to staff availability (there will be no contractual obligation on caretakers to work on a bank holiday, this duty will be discretionary).

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm

Chairman