

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY 2024 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

Present	Chair	S Mallett			
	Councillors	P Fellows	H Crawford	N Eveleigh	N Oglesbee
		Z Lane	L Panrucker	A Kelly	R McKinney
		B Baricz	S Giullari	A Willis	
		Hughes			

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2732F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr H Crawford and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's B Johnson, C Pattison and R Baker.

2733F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

None Received

2734F To consider requests for Dispensation.

None received.

2735F To ask if members of the public, resident or employed within this Parish, have any intention to speak under any Agenda Items of this meeting (this will be to a maximum of 3 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

2736F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2023 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

Proposed by Cllr N Oglesbee, seconded by Cllr R McKinney, and

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2023 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them.

The clerk recorded 4 abstentions.

2737F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or Representatives on other Organisations

Cllr P Fellows – reported that the SKDC budget for the year 2024/25 had risen by 3.87%

Cllr A Kelly – reported that she had no further update on the redesign of the Corn Exchange Frontage but that she would be talking with Karen Whitfield (SKDC).

2738F To answer questions from Councillors.

None received.

2739F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 30.11.23

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 30.11.23

2740F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.12.23

Proposed by Cllr B Baricz Hughes, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 31.12.23

2741F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.12.23

The clerk presented the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st December 2023. Cllr Eveleigh asked various questions with regard to the variances.

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr Z Lane, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To adopt the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st December 2023

2742F To Approve accounts for payment

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed.

2743F To approve the Financial budget and associated Precept request for the year 2024/2025 and recommend its adoption to Bourne Town Council

The clerk had provided copies of the budget prior to the meeting and went the changes that he had made from the previous version.

The clerk continued that the final precept request would be for the sum of £ 250,392.37 an increase of over 4% on the previous year.

The clerk also informed members that SKDC had agreed a 3.87% increase and that Lincolnshire County Council had agreed a 4.99% increase.

Proposed by Cllr A Willis, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve the financial budget for the year 2024/25 and recommend its adoption to Bourne Town Council.

2744F To approve the Town Council's response to the current 'Devolution' Consultation by Lincolnshire County Council.

The clerk had prepared a list of bullet points that would form the Town Council response.

Cllr Eveleigh asked for a concern with regard to the additional layer of bureaucracy that would be added to be included.

The clerk reminded members that the consultation closes on January 29th 2024.

Proposed by Cllr N Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr N Oglesbee, and unanimously

RESOLVED: To approve the above mentioned response.

2745F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr Eveleigh informed the members that following a meeting with Cllr Mallett and the clerk it had been agreed to conduct a traffic survey at the four main entrances to the town on the 17th April 2024. All members were asked to add this to their diaries and inform the clerk if they would be able to assist.

Cllr Giullari informed members that there would be a litter pick of the Elsea Park Spinney at 10.00am on the 4th February 2024.

Cllr Oglesbee informed members that there would be a litter pick of Dyke on the 3rd February.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 20.00hrs.