

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF BOURNE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2024 at 7:00PM AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 3 ABBEY ROAD, BOURNE

Present **Chair** **S Mallett**
Councillors P Fellows H Crawford B Johnson A Kelly
 R McKinney N Oglesbee Z Lane N Eveleigh
 L Panrucker R Baker

(Recorded by Town Clerk)

2849F To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr R McKinney and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To receive/approve reasons for Apologies for Absence from Cllr's B Baricz Hughes, S Giullari, A Willis and C Pattison.

2850F To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with The Localism Act 2011

<i>Cllr P Fellows</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Item 11</i>
<i>Cllr R McKinney</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Item 11</i>
<i>Cllr S Mallett</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Item 11</i>
<i>Cllr Z Lane</i>	<i>Non-Pecuniary</i>	<i>Item 11</i>

2851F To consider requests for Dispensation.

As above Members to be allowed to speak but not vote on the relevant item.

2852F 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.

2853F To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2024 as a true record and to resolve for the Chair to sign them.

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

RESOLVED: To adopt the Notes of the Meeting held on 15th October 2024 as a true record and for the Chair to sign them

The clerk recorded 1 abstention.

2854F To receive reports, if any, by District/County Councillors or representatives on other Organisations.

Cllr Z Lane - reported that enforcement had visited the new takeaway on Abbey Road, and it seems that a retrospective planning application will be submitted.

Cllr H Crawford – reported

- a) That a meeting regarding the market would take place on Thursday 12th December with Paul Stokes and his team at the Corn Exchange at 11.30am.
- b) That the ivy that had covered the Dyke bus shelter had been removed by SKDC.
- c) SKDC Planning enforcement were reviewing the new vape shop on North Street.
- d) SKDC Awards evening, Philip Wyles had won the volunteer category and Jim & Brenda Jones had been runners up in the 'Judy Smith Community Award'.
- e) SKDC will be clearing the churchyard in February 2025

Cllr A Kelly – reported that the new signage on the Corn Exchange was in the process of being completed but Cllr Kelly felt that the emergency doors on Abbey Road should possess

a notice making people aware of the relevant postcode to direct visitors to the main entrance to the building.

Cllr B Johnson – reported that Twenty Village Hall Committee would be holding a Christmas fayre on the 14th of December.

Cllr R Baker – reported that

- a) The Community Awards evening as mentioned by Cllr Crawford had gone very well and it was good to see so many residents from Bourne receiving appreciation for their efforts.
- b) SKDC had made a bid for social housing funds for heating systems. Cllr Baker was of the opinion that if successful most of the distribution would be around Grantham. Cllr Baker continued that there would be a small amount for non-social housing but again it was felt that none of the funds would end up in Bourne.

Cllr L Panrucker – reported that he had been involved with the consultation with the residents of Dyke regarding the improvements to the Ash Memorial Playing Field and that all comments were extremely positive.

2855F To answer questions from Councillors.

There were none.

2856F To adopt the period trial balance and bank reconciliation – month ending 31.10.24 (Month 07)

Proposed by Cllr R Baker, seconded by Cllr B Johnson and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the trial balance and the bank reconciliation – month ending 31.10.24

2857F To adopt the Income & Expenditure Budget Report – month ending 31.10.24.

The clerk presented the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31.10.2024.

Various Questions were posed by members. The clerk explained that all categories were in line with their respective budgets.

Proposed by Cllr Z Lane, seconded by Cllr L Panrucker, and unanimously.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Income & Expenditure report for the period to 31st October 2024

2858F To Approve accounts for payment.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts for payment as listed

2859F To receive/discuss and if appropriate approve a grant to the Town Hall Trust

All members were clearly aware of the proposed works for the old Town Hall and the impact that would have on the Town Centre and the local economy.

The Town Hall Trust had completed the necessary application form and sent their latest verified accounts these were presented to the Council.

The application was for £6,000 to be spread over two years and would pay for two side elevation windows that would be converted into doubles on the ground floor shambles.

Cllr Fellows was of the opinion that the Town Council had no option to support the application but that he had reservations about how the trust had treated the Town Council.

All councillors were in general agreement, and it was felt that the Town was lacking a cultural centre.

Proposed by Cllr R McKinney, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.
RESOLVED: To approve the grant of £6,000.00 to be spread over two years.

2860F To receive information with regard to Town Council email addresses.

As previously agreed, the Town Council were entering into an agreement to provide email addresses for all councillors with a **.gov.uk** domain.

The clerk confirmed that this matter was in process.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr H Crawford, and unanimously.
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2861F To receive information with regard to the Town Council Christmas Lights

The clerk informed members that the proposed refurb work on the Town Council's existing Christmas Light offering had been completed and all had been installed.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr B Johnson, and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information

2862F To receive the first draft of the Town Council budget 2025/2026.

The clerk presented the budget to the members informing them that this was only a first draft which showed an increase in Precept of 7.87%.

Various questions were posed by the members, and Cllr Crawford was of the opinion that more funds should be reserved for the Cemetery Chapel roof.

Cllr Kelly asked about ongoing costs for the Skatepark.

All members were asked to review the Draft Budget and contact the clerk if they felt any adjustments needed to be made.

Proposed by Cllr H Crawford, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and
RESOLVED: To receive the above information and contact the clerk with regard to further adjustments.

2863F To ratify expenditure committed by the Town Clerk in relation to emergency repairs on the Cemetery Chapel roof.

The clerk informed members that further deterioration of the Chapel roof meant that emergency repairs were being undertaken to keep the building watertight. The cost would be in the region of £2,500.00.

Proposed by Cllr B Johnson, seconded by Cllr N Eveleigh, and
RESOLVED: To ratify the expenditure on emergency works on the Cemetery Chapel roof.

The clerk recorded one abstention.

2864F To receive an update on the S106 funds relating to the Eastgate Development

The clerk informed members that a small consultation had been undertaken with the residents of Dyke proposing the installation of adult Gym Equipment to be paid for via the S106 monies that were available.

Cllr Crawford asked the clerk to complete this as soon as possible.

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

RESOLVED: To receive the above update.

2865F To discuss any information which the Chair may legally bring to the Council's attention.

Cllr H Crawford thanked everyone who had attended her Civic Dinner which raised around £900.00.

Due to their being no further items to discuss the chair brought the meeting to a close at 20.02hrs.