

Amersham Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 APRIL 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor M Roberts (Chair)
Councillor D Pinkney (Town Mayor)
Councillor E Shepherd (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor J Barnes
Councillor M Flys
Councillor H Maitland-Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R Dineley
E Richardson - Town Clerk Finance & Policy
S Catanach – Town Clerk Community Services & Engagement

54. **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor V Head
Councillor A Lamont
Councillor P Milliner

55. **ABSENT NO APOLOGIES:**

Councillor M Dormer

56. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declarations of interest.

57. **TO RECEIVE THE FINANCE REPORTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025:**

- i) Income and Expenditure Reports for periods ending 31 January & 28 February 2025
- ii) Balance sheets as at 31 January & 28 February 2025
- iii) Accounts paid from 1 January to 28 February 2025

It was

Proposed - Councillor D Pinkney
Seconded – Councillor M Roberts

RECOMMENDED that the finance reports for the period 1 January to 28 February 2025 be accepted.

58. **UPDATE ON THE AMERSHAM BOWLS CLUB:**

The Clerk reported that the Council's proposals for the new lease had been sent to the Club Chairman. The Chairman has replied that the club will consider the proposals and respond in due course.

59. **RENEWAL OF SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS:**

After brief discussion

It was

Proposed – Councillor J Barnes

Seconded – Councillor E Shepherd

AGREED to renew the SLCC membership for the Clerks for 2025-26 at a total cost of £840.

60. **UPDATE ON OLD AMERSHAM CHRISTMAS EVENT:**

Councillor Roberts and Councillor Flys reported that they had discussed arrangements for the Old Amersham Christmas event with the lead organiser Drew Burnett and it was agreed that the Council would underwrite the cost of the vintage fairground up to £5,000, with the proviso that sponsorship would be sought for this cost. It is anticipated that the council's likely contribution would be £1,000 to £2,000, (net after sponsorship income). Steve Catanach reported that the Council had also been asked if it would temporarily hold any sponsorship income in its bank account until the organisers have set up a new account.

It was

Proposed – Councillor M Roberts

Seconded – Councillor M Flys

AGREED that the Council would temporarily hold sponsorship income until the organiser sets up a new bank account.

61. **MATTERS FOR REPORT:**

a) **Hervines Park Playground**

The Clerk reported a delay in the contractor beginning installation of the new playground until 21 April, owing to delivery problems with some of the equipment. Councillors were also made aware of an email received from a resident of Hervines Road, expressing concerns and comments about the proposed playground.

Part two

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they include the likely disclosure of exempt information, stated to be confidential.

There were no matters for discussion.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm

Chairman.....

Date