



Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING OF Finance Committee [In-person] held on **Thursday 12 December 2024** at **16:00**. The meeting was held in the **Ottery St. Mary Town Council**

Present: Cllrs Dean Stewart (Chair), Richard Grainger (Mayor), John Green, Stewart Lucas and Janice Aherne

In Attendance: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

Minute Taker: Kerry Kennell, Town Clerk

F/24/12/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence

There were none.

F/24/12/02 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive Declarations of interest for items on the Agenda and receipt of requests for new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) dispensations for items on the Agenda

Cllr Lucas	No interests declared.
Cllr Grainger	No interests declared.
Cllr Green	No interests declared.
Cllr Aherne	Agenda Item 6 - Affects & Prejudicial NRI in relation to the grant application from Tipton Playing Fields.
Cllr Stewart	No interest declared.

F/24/12/03 ADMISSION TO MEETINGS

In consideration of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted): to agree any items to be dealt with after the public and press have been excluded

It was **RESOLVED** that Agenda Item 6 Consideration of Community Grant Applications would be discussed in Confidential Session as they include information relating to the organisations finances.

F/24/12/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To allow members of the public present to submit questions/comments for consideration
Individual contributions will be limited to 3 minutes

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There was none.

F/24/12/05 MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee of 24th October 2024 (*minute refs F/24/10/01 - F/24/10/14*) and to approve the signing of the Minutes by the Chair as a correct record

The minutes of 24th October 2024 were reviewed and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting.

Under s.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the council resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

F/24/12/06 CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Grant applications received from OSM Foodbank, Tipton St John Playing Field Committee, Ottery St Mary Football Club and Ottery Feoffee Charity

Teams calls were held with representatives from OSM Foodbank, Ottery St Mary Football Club and Ottery Feoffee Charity to discuss their grant applications. A Teams meeting will be arranged with Tipton St John Playing Field Committee at a later point.

Organisation	Amount requested	Recommendation
OSM Foodbank	£750	It was RECOMMENDED that £750 is awarded
OSM Football Club	£2,000	It was RECOMMENDED that £2,000 is awarded.
Ottery Feoffee Charity	£2000	It was RECOMMENDED that no grant is awarded.

F/24/12/07 CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET FOR 2025/26

Staffing for 2025 onwards was discussed. Further clarification of the Caretaker/Lengthsman role is required.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the cost of running the Council should be covered by the Precept.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that room hire costs for the Council Offices and the Station will be reviewed.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that an indicative amount of £5,000 should be included in the budget for the implementation of the planting strategy.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Grant budget is increased to £25,000.

F/24/12/08 CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL SECTION 106 PROJECTS

It was RESOLVED that Community organisations need to be approached to see if they have any projects suitable for Section 106 funding. To date projects have been noted from Ottery

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St Mary Cricket Club and Tipton St John replacement pavilion. It was AGREED that the Clerk will speak to the Section 106 officer regarding the best way of doing this.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will ask EDDC for an update regarding when the play park at Land of Canaan will be replaced.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will ask for an update from EDDC regarding the Council taking on responsibility for part of the Land of Canaan.

F/24/12/09 TO CONSIDER THE BEST INVESTMENT SCHEME FOR COUNCIL SAVINGS

The report from the Clerk was reviewed.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:

1. £85,000 remains in a Barclays Savings Account
2. £85,000 is moved to a 90 day notice period account with Hinkley and Rugby Building Society.
3. The remainder of savings is transferred to a The Public Sector Deposit Fund CCLA account.

F/24/12/10 TO NOTE ANY SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

There was none.

F/24/12/11 TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS

It was AGREED that the Committee should review the current Community Grant Process. This will be included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

F/24/12/12 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

There were none.

F/24/12/13 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: TO BE CONFIRMED

Reports & Appendix 1

Meeting concluded at 18:00

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