

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting
held in the Council Chamber, The Chantry Centre, Chantry Way, CM11 2AP
on Thursday 11th July 2024 at 7.00pm

Chairman: Cllr A Adshead
Vice-Chairman: Absent
Councillors: M Dear, M Moore, G Talbot, A Talboys, M Thomas, J Tutton

Also in attendance the Town Clerk

17. Apologies for absence

Cllr R Clark, K Mordecai

18. Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda

None.

19. Public Participation session with respect to items on the Agenda

None.

20. Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 30th May 2024

Members received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th May 2024

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

21. Financial Report

Members received and considered the following:

(a) Income and Expenditure by Committee - copy of the accounts from 1st April 2024 to 2nd July 2024

(b) Payments between 24th May 2024 and 2nd July 2024

(c) Balance Sheet as at 2nd July 2024

RESOLVED: that the information contained in the financial reports is noted.

22. Grant Applications

Members received and considered the following:

(a) an application for a £100 community support grant from the Energy Alchemist to set up a men's mental health support group in the Chantry Centre.

RESOLVED: (i) that the application is approved

23. Youth Town Council

Members received and considered the minutes of the meetings held on 4th and 18th June and 2nd July 2024. Cllr Talboys gave a verbal overview of projects the Youth Town Council is currently working on.

RESOLVED: information noted.

24. Chantry Centre Operational Management

Members received and considered the following:

- (a) preliminary investigation and costings for a mezzanine floor in the storage area
- (b) Rialtas have advised that bespoke reports from their bookings system are not available
- (c) an update to the Terms and Conditions of Hire which state that the Centre is not to be hired to any groups or speakers that support extremist ideology
- (d) an up to date set of key performance indicators

RECOMMENDATION (a) to authorise investigation into the provision of a mezzanine floor for additional storage with approval for expenditure up to £16,000.

RESOLVED: (b), (c) and (d) information noted.

25. Items for Information

(a) the dispute with Corona Energy over electricity bills for the Council’s old premises has been resolved after three and a half years – the Ombudsman ruled in the Town Council’s favour - resulting in a refund of over £1,500.

RESOLVED: information noted.

26. Consideration of Items for Social Media/Press Release

Awarding of Community Support grant for men’s mental health group

27. Questions from the Press and Public

None.

Cllr A Adshead
Chairman of the Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.36pm

Chairman:..... Date: