

ASHBOURNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance, Town Hall & HR Committee Meeting held on Monday 10 February 2025 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ashbourne.

Present: Councillors: Mrs D Brown; Mr P Chell; Dr G Clark; Mrs C Cooper; Mr R Currie; Ms B Michalek; Ms S Moore Mrs Smith; Mr M Spencer and Mrs S Spencer

In attendance: Carole Dean; Town Clerk; Samantha Higton; Assistant Clerk

F/25/1699 Apologies for absence

It was agreed to note apologies from Cllr Mr E Brown

F/25/1700 Variation of order of Business

None received

F/25/1701 Declaration of Members Interests

None received

F/25/1702 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None received

Public Speaking

Cllr Mrs Smith stated that she had asked the Clerk for an update on registering the Empire Ballroom as a Community Asset as she understood that some items inside the building had been disposed of. The Clerk advised that she had not had a response to date

F/25/1703 Finance

a) Clerks report on bank balances at 31st January 2025

Current Account - £100.00

Business Saver - £118,805.83

35 Day Liquidity Account - £104,871.10

95 Day Liquidity Account - £103,230.50

Total - £327,007.43

F/25/1704 Members to consider and make a decision relating to the report to replace some of the lighting in the Town Hall with LED lights

Cllr Currie stated that the Town Hall Task & Finish group were discussing lighting as part of the overall review

F/25/1705 Members to agree a date for the Clerk's Appraisal. This is to be carried out by the Chair of the Finance, Town Hall & HR Committee

It was agreed to ask Cllr Mr Brown to carry out the Clerk's appraisal together with Cllr Mrs Spencer; if Cllr Mr Brown was unavailable Cllr Mrs Smith said that she would be available to assist

F/25/1706 Members to set and agree the 'Terms of Reference' for the Town Hall Task & Finish Group including the objectives and the time scales for group to complete the 'task' Update from a 'group' member following their two meetings

It was RESOLVED to accept the Terms of Reference drafted by Cllr Currie. Cllr Currie stated that

the group had made some good progress and they hoped to have a report ready by the end of the financial year

F/25/1707 Members to consider and agree whether to ask staff to open the Historical Centre on the following Bank Holidays: Friday 18 April; Monday 21 April; Monday 5 May; Monday 26 May and Monday 25 August

It was RESOLVED not to open the Historical Centre on the following Bank Holidays Friday 18 April; Monday 21 April; Monday 5 May; Monday 26 May and Monday 25 August

Cllr Mrs Brown left the meeting at 8.34pm

F/25/1708 Clerk's Report re Town Council Insurance, which is due for renewal - Members to review and agree the Town Council's insurance

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Zurich Municipal for the Town Council's insurance. It was agreed that a list of points raised from Cllr Moore's report be put to the insurance company and asked whether they are included or could be added to the policy

F/25/1709 Clerk's report and update following the 'Teams' meeting re Banking Hub in Ashbourne

It was RESOLVED to note the report

F/25/1710 Chair to sign the Minutes (Previously approved and ratified)

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed by the Chair

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....