

Long Stratton Town Council

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Minutes of the Finance and Policy Management meeting held 29 January 2024 @ 7pm in the Pavilion, Manor Road

In attendance: Councillors, Kelly Lunness, Susan Smith, Justin Harris, Florence Morimont, Mat Pochin (19.08) and David Willis Becky Buck (Clerk and RFO)

1. To consider apologies for absence

There were no apologies of absence received.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensation received.

3. To confirm the minutes of the previous Finance and Policy Management Committee meeting held on the 20th November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. To review and sign for accuracy bank reconciliations

Bank reconciliations were approved and signed by 2 Councillors to confirm accuracy.

5. To review budget to date.

The budget control report was provided and discussed. The Clerk confirmed that we are currently under budget for this point in the financial year.

6. To discuss and decide on draft budget for 2024-2025

Following a lengthy discussion. The final budget was approved for recommendation to Council.

7. To review Ear Marked Reserves

Ear Marked Reserves were reviewed by the Committee, the Clerk talked through the movements year to date.

8. To discuss and decide on the following policies for recommendation to Council

a. Social Media Policy

This was recommended for approval with the added sentence on the end of the second paragraph of 'as per the communications plan' it was agreed that Councillor Harris would work on a draft communications plan on behalf of the Council.

b. Customer Service

This was recommended for approval with the removal of the word 'customer' being replaced with the word 'community'.

c. Lost Property

This was recommended for approval with the omittance of 'advertise the lost item' with the addition of 'notify the community and/ or local schools'.

Signed by the Chairman	Date
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d. Member - Officer Protocol

This was recommended for approval.

e. Gifts & Hospitality

This was recommended for approval with the addition of 'failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary procedures being invoked and potentially gross misconduct'.

9. Any other business (not for discussion)

There was no any other business to discuss.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.48

