

Macclesfield Town Council Finance Committee Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July 2023 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall. In attendance:

- Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake
- Cllr Emma Gilman
- Cllr Alift Harewood
- Cllr Neil Puttick
- Cllr Ruth Thompson
- Cllr Chris Wilcock

1 Election of the Chair of Finance Committee

Resolved: Cllr Dr Ruth Thompson was elected as Chair.

It was agreed that Cllr Puttick would chair this meeting.

2 Elections of the Vice Chair of Finance Committee

Resolved: Cllr Sarah Bennett-Wake was elected as Vice Chair.

3 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hutchison.

4 Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Bennett-Wake declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.4 as her wife is co-chair and she volunteers for Pride, 7.7 as children she works with at school attend Space 4 Autism and 8.3 as Holy Trinity Church is in her ward.
- Cllr Harewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.6 as her family have a historical connection with Christ Church and 7.8 as it is on her ward.
- Cllr Gilman declared a non-pecuniary interest in 7.7 as herself and son are members Space 4 Autism.

- Cllr Puttick declared a non-pecuniary interest in 8.5 Scoop and Scales as he is a member.
- Cllr Thompson declared a non-pecuniary interest in 7.8 as they may be working with Cre8, who she volunteers with.

Public Questions

The meeting was adjourned to allow the speakers from each grant to speak on their applications.

The meeting was then reconvened.

5 Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 3rd April 2023

Resolved: The minutes were approved.

6 Updates from the Minutes

- Cllr Wilcock attended Circus Starr, who received a grant from the Town Council, and he said it was an excellent event.
- Clerk brought up a request from the Hope Centre who have £1,723 left over from a grant of in 2017 for the WHAM night shelter. The night shelter has not taken place and therefore they are asking if they can use the money for an alternative project.

Resolved: The alternative project report will be circulated to the finance committee to lodge agreement or objection by 14th July.

7 Grant Applications

7.1 Bollington Girl Guides

Resolved: The grant application for £250 was approved.

7.2 DIB

Resolved: The grant application for £1648.80 was approved.

7.3 Friends for Leisure

Resolved: The grant application for £2000 was approved.

7.4 Macc Pride

Resolved: The grant application for £2000 was approved.

7.5 Mersey Rivers Trust

Resolved: The grant application for £715 was approved.

7.6 Roe-Naissance

Resolved: The grant application for £1950 was approved.

7.7 Space 4 Autism

Resolved: The grant application for £1740 was approved.

7.8 Weston Friends

Resolved: The grant application for £200 was approved.

8 Grant Updates

8.1 Brookfield Lane Allotments.

The report was noted.

8.2 Macclesfield Harriers

The report was noted.

8.3 Holy Trinity Hurdsfield

The report was noted.

8.4 NCO

The report was noted.

8.5 Scoop and Scales

The report was noted.

8.6 Silk Heritage Trust

The report was noted.

9 Finances

9.1 Spend to Date

Resolved: The spend to date (May 23) of £134,587 was approved for Full Council 24th July 2023.

9.2 Reports

Resolved: The following reports were noted:

- 9.2.1 Income and Expenditure
- 9.2.2 Bank Reconciliation
- 9.2.3 Receipts and Payments
- 9.2.4 List of Regular Payments.
- 9.2.5 Authorised Payments

10 Date/Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 7pm on 11th September 2023, at Macclesfield Town Hall.

Chair: Cllr Neil Puttick Clerk: Laura Smith

Meeting closed 8:20pm