

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Friday 10th January 2025 in the council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate East Sussex BN26 6AL at 10:00am

Present: Cllrs D Murry, S Shing, M Piper, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, J keen **(6)**

Not Present: Cllr D Watts **(1)**

No members of the public present

Minute Number	Resolution
13701	<u>Cllr D Dunbar was voted to chair the meeting until the chairperson arrived. VOTE All in favour.</u> Opportunity for Public None
13702	Apologies for absence Cllr D Watts <i>Cllr D Murray arrived at 10:01am</i> <i>Cllr D Murray resumed as chair at this point.</i>
13703	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13704	Minutes of the Finance & Policy committee meeting on 22nd November 2024 Draft minutes had been circulated to all prior to the meeting there were no queries. <u>It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Finance & Policy committee meeting on 22nd November as an accurate record of the meeting and these were signed by the chair. VOTE All in favour</u>
13705	Payments of accounts Payments list had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. <u>It was resolved to accept the payments as presented £50,497.24. VOTE All in favour.</u>
13706	Motion to approve the Biodiversity Policy The draft policy was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. <u>It was resolved to adopt the Biodiversity Policy. VOTE all in favour.</u>
13707	Motion to adopt the new councillors' allowances 2025/26 per report of the Wealden Parish Independent Remuneration Panel on Town and Parish Councillor Allowanced for 2025/26 A discussion on whether councillors should increase the rate took place. <u>It was resolved to adopt the new councillors' allowances 2025/26 per report of the Wealden Parish Independent Remuneration Panel on Town and Parish Councillor Allowanced for 2025/26 VOTE 5 for 1 abstention Cllr J Keen.</u>
13708	Motion to use remainder budget Grass cutting and interest income to go into EMR for Allotment works per report IRO £15,000 <u>It was resolved to use remainder budget Grass cutting and interest income to go into EMR for Allotment works per report IRO £15,000 VOTE All in favour</u>

13709	Motion to approve repair the Mayors Chain as per report costs to come from general reserves <i>Cllr M Piper left at 10:50am</i> <u>A discussion took place on the merits of having the chain and its importance for the council. However, it was resolved to defer the item pending more quotes from the company who may have created the original chain. VOTE All in favour of a deferral for now.</u>
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The meeting closed at 10:56 am

Signed by _____ Chair of Finance & Policy _____ Dated _____

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