

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on Friday 22nd November 2024 in the council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate East Sussex BN26 6AL at 10:00am

Present: Cllrs D Watts, M Piper, D Dunbar, M Cunningham, J Heward, J Keen (6)

Not Present: Cllr D Murry, S Shing (2)

No members of the public present

Minute Number	Resolution
13671	Opportunity for Public None
13672	Apologies for absence Cllrs S Shing (hols), D Murray (hols)
13673	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13674	Minutes of the Finance & Policy committee meeting on 5th July 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 5th July 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting and these were signed by the chair. VOTE All in favour</u>
13675	Payments of accounts Payments list had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. <u>It was resolved to accept the payments as presented £31,347.57. VOTE All in favour.</u>
13676	Preliminary budget 2025/26 A discussion took place on the figures and the increases, the tax base and how it may go down as less people were paying the full council tax. The sum set aside for maintenance on the Jubilee Nature reserve of £2000 was removed as the chairperson had informed the clerk this was not needed. A sum of £5500 would be put in for the CCTV costs, but the town clerk was still awaiting confirmation of the amount as it had gone from the police and crime commissioner to Chroma vision. Councillors discussed Eastbourne Borough council's finances. Grass cutting and dog bins was discussed. A councillor asked about the increase in the energy charges and the clerk explained the situation on the transfer issues from East Sussex Highways. The clerk advised that the tax base wasn't likely to come in until mid-December. The figures would be presented at the January budget and precept setting meeting but was currently around 12-15%, but this percentage was not representative of the fact that it was only around 30 pence per week increase.
13677	Brightling Road Planning Application Report and request for further funding from general reserves (The clerk stated that she would let finance know if any other requirements came up, so that they were aware).

	<u>It was resolved to delegate to the clerk up to £10,000 for the new additional costs as presented and others that might be required. VOTE All in favour</u>
13678	Grant application for KSS Air Ambulance Charity 1. To determine whether the grant meets the criteria of the policy The policy and the work of the KSS Air Ambulance Chairty was discussed and how many times the air ambulance had been used in the Polegate area. It was agreed that they met the criteria due to the large amount of work they did in Polegate area. 2. To determine whether to award the grant of £500 <u>It was resolved to award KSS Air Ambulance Chairty a grant of £500. VOTE All in favour.</u>

The meeting closed at 10:31 am

Signed by _____ Chair of Finance & Policy _____ Dated _____