

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Special Full Council meeting held on Friday 2nd May 2025 10am at Council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate BN26 6AL.

Present:

Cllrs D Dunbar, Mrs M Piper, M Cunningham, A Wood, D Murray (arrived at 10am), D Watts, J Heward, D Shing

Not Present:

Cllrs S Shing, Mrs C Berry, J Keen, W Heasman O'Neill, A O'Kane

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution
13768	Opportunity for public comment for items on the agenda None
13769	Apologies for absence Apologies S Shing, C Berry, J Keen, W Heasman O'Neill, A O'Kane
13770	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13771	Financials a. Payments of Accounts as presented <u>It was resolved to accept the payments as presented.</u> VOTE ALL IN FAVOUR b. Barclaycard Statements for noting <u>Noted by all present</u> c. Bank reconciliation, income and expenditure reports, trial balances, ear marked reserves. For approval of variances as shown. <u>It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation, income and expenditure reports, trial balances, ear marked reserves and approve the variances as shown.</u> VOTE All in favour
13772	Internal Audit report and AGAR Internal Audit Report (report to follow taking place on 29th April 2025) <u>It was resolved to note the Internal Audit Report and action required including "no" of the public right and no disclosure.</u> VOTE All in favour.
13773	To approve the 2024/25 AGAR Governance statement <u>Resolved to accept the AGAR Governance Statement as presented. Note was taken about the public rights and need to complete the form as "no" this year. VOTE All in favour</u>
13774	To approve the 2024/25 AGAR Accounts figures It was agreed to accept the AGAR Accounting Figures as presented and figures for year-end; also noted there had been a drop in reserves towards the end of the year and if it is not budgeted for it may need to wait until the following years budget other than urgent matters and to put into business plan. It was also noted that next year may have to increase the budgets significantly as developed services may need to be taken on by the town council. Could increase the precept as much as 50-100%. It was agreed to ask Wealden District Council for as much Community Infrastructure Levy and other funding as they were allowed to ensure that funding was provided for Polegate residents. A new working group for devolution was requested. A Councillor mentioned what we do as a Council was going onto social media. There may be a need for referendums or consultations with residents before taking on these services. Chair of finance thanked staff for all their hard work on the year end and budgets. <u>It was resolved to accept the 2024/25 Accounting Figures and AGAR Accounts Figures. VOTE All in favour.</u>

The meeting closed at 10:25am

Signed Mayor of Polegate _____ Date _____