



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8 The Strand, Walmer**

**Present:** Cllr P Jull (Chairman), Cllr M Eddy, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr A Friend, Cllr J Murray, and Cllr T Bond (ex officio)

**Officer(s)** Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

**428. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs Simpson, Waite-Gleave and Lee offered apologies and were accepted.

**429. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations were made.

**430. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

The Chairman reminded all present of their responsibilities under the Local Government Audit and Accountability act in respect of the public attending and recording meetings.

**431. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were received

**RESOLVED** – To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record after the amendments of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 meeting.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Eddy

**432. GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

- a) Members heard applications for small grants from the following organisations
  - i. The Deal Society – application for £100 for printing of the Heritage Open Days leaflet.
  - ii. Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Regatta Association – application for £500 toward the cost of the Teddy Bears Picnic event
  - iii. Deal TGI Tang Soo Do – application for £400 toward training equipment.
- b) Members received a verbal report from the Clerk recommending increasing the limit of a small grant request to £500 in line with the Nature and Biodiversity Grant.

RESOLVED – To recommend to Full Council an increase to £500 as the limit (subject to Councils discretion) of a small grant.

Proposed – Cllr Jull

Seconded -Cllr Eddy

**433. COUNCIL FINANCE UPDATES.**

i. To receive the current year update on the Council’s spending vs the budget for full year 2023/2024.

ii. To agree and approve the chairman signing the reconciliation as at 31/12/23. Members received copies of the bank statements as at 31/12/23 and a copy of the reconciliation from the Council’s financial software.

RESOLVED – To approve the Chairman signing the bank reconciliation and note the Councils spending.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr Eddy

**434. VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF OTHER INTERESTS.**

Members received a written copy of the definition of a Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests. Members felt that a VAOI was already an accepted type of declaration under current policy but for the sake of clarity to recommend this be accepted.

**RESOLVED** – To recommend to Full Council to accept the a definition of a VAOI as stated for clarity purposes

Proposed – Cllr Eddy

Seconded – Cllr Simpson

**435. Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

Members voted to move in to a private discussion to allow members to discuss whether or not to award the grant

RESOLVED – To move to a private session

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr Jull

**436. GRANTS.**

Members considered the grant applications from item 432

i. The Deal Society

RESOLVED – to recommend to Full Council to approve the application for a grant of £100

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr Richardson

ii. Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown Regatta Association

RESOLVED – to recommend to Full Council to approve the application for a grant of £500.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Ludwig

- iii. Deal TGI Tang Soo Do  
RESOLVED – to recommend to Full Council to approve the application for a grant of £400 subject to proof of a bank account and as we have no financial history receipts to be requested.  
Proposed – Cllr Bond  
Seconded – Cllr Eddy

**313. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**The meeting ended at 19.50hrs**

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**Chairman:**

**Date:**

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