

WALMER TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Wednesday, 30th April 2025, Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer

Present: Cllr P Jull, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr A Friend, Cllr P Findley and Cllr L Ludwig (ex officio).

Officer(s) Roland Aldred (Town Clerk)

660. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs Murray, Richardson, Waite-Gleave, Lee and Eddy offered apologies that were accepted.

661. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr M Simpson declared a OSI in regard to item 667 i.

662. 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.

663. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd January 2025 were received.

RESOLVED – To accept to minutes of the 22nd January 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr P Ludwig

For - 5 Against - 0 Abstain - 1

664. COUNCIL FINANCE UPDATES.

- To receive an update on the 2024/25 financial position vs the budget vs 2023/24 financial position for the councils spend.
- ii. To note the bank reconciliation up to 30/04/24

RESOLVED – To note the financial update and bank reconciliation.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr Simpson

For - 6 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

665. GRANT APPLICATIONS.

Members heard an application for a small grant from a representative of:

 Deal Branch RMA – To support the feeding of the bandsmen and volunteers for the memorial concert ii. Deal Community Carnival Association – To provide entertainment and treats at the Teddy Bears Picnic.

Members received a grant application from

iii. 2235 Deal Squadron Air Cadets – To purchase 2 new laptops for professional training of young people.

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

Members voted to move into a private discussion to allow members to discuss the awarding of the grants.

RESOLVED – To move to a private session

Proposed – Cllr Friend Seconded – Cllr Jull

For - 6 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

667. GRANTS.

Members considered the grant applications from item 665

Cllr Simpson left the room

i. Deal branch RMA

RESOLVED – To recommend to Full Council to award a grant of the requested £500

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded - Cllr Friend

For - 5 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Cllr M Simpson returned

ii. Deal Community Carnival Association

RESOLVED – To recommend to Full Council to award the requested grant of £600.

Proposed – Cllr Findley

Seconded – Cllr Friend

For - 6 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

iii. 2235 Deal Squadron Air Cadets

RESOLVED – To recommend to Full Council to award the requested grant of £329.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded - Cllr L Ludwig

For - 6 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

Members requested the clerk prepare a paper for Full Council in July to recommend giving the Clerk in agreement with the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes committee delegated power to decide on applications from the RMA for food for the bandsmen and volunteers as the grant is applied for annually.

RESOLVED - To ask the Clerk to prepare a paper of recommendation to the Council.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Findley

For - 6 Against - 0 Abstain - 0

668. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

July 24, 2025

The meeting ended at 19.25.

Chairman:	Date: