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## **MINUTES**

**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at 7pm on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Elizabeth House, St Marys Road, Walmer**

**Present:** Cllr P Jull, Cllr M Simpson, Cllr P Ludwig, Cllr A Friend, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr M Eddy and Cllr L Ludwig.

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

### **173. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26.**

Cllr P Jull was the only nomination put forward.

**RESOLVED** – To appoint Cllr P Jull as the Chairman of Finance and General Purposes for the year 2025/26.

Proposed – Cllr A Friend

Seconded – Cllr M Simpson

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

### **175. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26.**

Cllr M Simpson was the only nomination put forward.

**RESOLVED** – To appoint Cllr M Simpson as the Vice Chairman of Finance and General Purposes for the year 2025/26.

Proposed – Cllr M Eddy

Seconded – Cllr L Ludwig

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

### **175. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

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

### **176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations were made.

### **177. 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.

**178. MINUTES.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were received.

**RESOLVED** – To accept to minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 as a true and accurate record.

Proposed – Cllr Friend

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 6

Against - 0

Abstain - 1

**179. COUNCIL FINANCE UPDATES.**

- i. To receive an update on the 2025/26 financial position vs the budget vs 2024/25 financial position for the councils spend.

**RESOLVED** – To note the financial update.

Proposed – Cllr A Friend

Seconded - Cllr M Eddy

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

- ii. To note the bank reconciliation up to 30/06/25

**RESOLVED** – To note the bank reconciliation.

Proposed – Cllr P Jull

Seconded - Cllr M Simpson

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

The Chairman moved the item for the new Bank account forward.

**180. NEW BANK ACCOUNT.**

Members received a written report from the Clerk about options for a new Bank Account to replace the one-year Charity Bank account currently held.

**RESOLVED** – to recommend to full council to open a new one-year account with the Charity Bank to deposit the full amount of funds currently held in the Charity Bank account.

Proposed: Cllr M Eddy

Seconded: Cllr A Friend

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

**181. GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered an application for a grant from the Cinque Ports Football Club

**RESOLVED** – To recommend to Full Council to agree a grant of £500.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 7

Against - 0

Abstain - 0

**182. LOCAL GOVERNEMENT PENSION.**

Members received a written and verbal report from the Clerk. Members asked the Clerk questions on how the proposed changes would affect Walmer Town Council and what the financial impacts of the proposal would be. Within the Consultation Kent County Council Local Government Pension scheme are running the financial figures for what would happen in the event of the scheme being pooled are tied in to the re valuation of the pension scheme. The revaluation will take place at the end of 2025 or start of 2026, until this has been completed accurate percentage contribution figures are not available to be

considered. The Clerk had completed some work around the average pension contributions looking at the percentage each council contributed vs the total wage bill of the council, it was made clear that this not an entirely accurate estimate as data would be missing and only a revaluation of the pensions would give an accurate figure, however with the only data available being the percentage contributions at the last valuation in 2022, it may provide some guidance. Member also considered the reduction in time spent managing the funds between the current system of 50+ separate pension scheme being managed as opposed to just one scheme. Members discussed the potential effects of other council's pension scheme on Walmer Town Council's pension scheme and the possible increased costs as a result. Members also considered the benefits of the increased size of the pension pool in terms of investment and resiliency of a greater pool of money.

**RESOLVED** - To ask the Clerk to respond to the consultation with supporting the proposal of full pooling of the pension schemes.

Proposed – Cllr P Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr M Eddy

For - 6

Against - 1

Abstain – 0

**183. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

15<sup>th</sup> Oct 20225

**The meeting ended at 19.50.**

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**Chairman:**

**Date:**