



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Finance & General Committee meeting held Thursday 20th March 2025

Present Councillors: R. Butler, C. McCartan, D. Oxley, C. Walker (Chair) (4 councillors present).

Apologies: M Wordsworth, B Clark

Proper Officer: Sarah Wilkinson

There were no members of the public in attendance

The meeting started at 6.30pm

FG/2025/042 To receive and approve reasons for absence.

The Committee noted the apologies received from M. Wordsworth and B Clark.

FG/2025/043 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interestⁱ for members and officers

No declarations were raised.

FG/2025/044 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

No written requests for dispensation have been received.

FG/2025/045 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There are no requests for dispensation to grant.

FG/2025/046 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th February 2025

Resolved:- That the Committee approved the minutes of Thursday 20th February 2025 as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman preceded to sign the bottom of each page to confirm they are an accurate record.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All voted in favour.

FG/2025/047 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

No items were identified for exclusion of the press and public.

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FG/2025/048 Public Participation Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

FG/2025/049 To discuss any training and development for councillors and employees and consider any further action

The Clerk, deputy clerk and admin assistant have been booked on cemeteries management training to take place July 1st and 2nd. Clerk to start the FILCA shortly. Clerk and Admin assistant are completing new joiner legislation this month. All training has been paid for from 24-25 remaining budget.

Resolved: Clerk to get quotes for 1st aid training for all employees and councillors.

FG/2025/050 To receive and note the payment schedule to be considered by next full council on Thursday 27th February 2025

The Clerk presented the payments and receipts report for February 2025 for all councillors to check. Clerk to check with Making Space that they are happy to pay yearly next year when all other regular users pay monthly.

FG/2025/051 To receive and note the bank reconciliations for February 2025

The Clerk presented the Bank Reconciliations for February 2025. The Clerk and Chair signed the reconciliations. The committee noted the update.

FG/2025/052 To receive any grant applications received by the council and consider any further action

Three grant requests have been received:

Grant 1 – received from Thurcroft playgroup for £500 for a base for a shed at the back of the Gordon Bennett to allow the children to play outside.

Voting: 4 councillors voted. All voted in favour

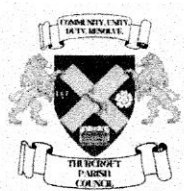
Grant 2: Received from the Willows school in Thurcroft to sponsor a maximum of 8 races at a fundraising race day at £25.00 a race. We are unable to support gambling of any kind so must decline the grant request. Council is happy to support the Willows school with any other fundraising they may have in the future.

Voting: 4 councillors voted, all voted against

Grant 3: Received from Maltby Lions for £250.00. Maltby Lions Santa's sleigh was a huge hit last Christmas with 2 evenings around Thurcroft. Councillors supported these community events.

Chairperson Initials:

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Voting: 4 councillors voted, all voted in favour

FG/2025/053 To receive notice of the remaining budget for 24-25

The Committee noted the remaining budget for each cost centre for 24-25. This report be run each quarter to provide a more accurate budget forecast.

FG/2025/054 To receive an update on the internet provision at the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

Resolved: Clerk obtained 2 quotes regarding having an extra internet line.

Quote 1 was for an extra line, and monthly provision for the internet. Quote 2 was to continue with the current internet provider and have a router that split into public and private access. Two different routers were suggested, one more expensive but with the capacity for 300 people to be online at the same time.

Voting: 4 councillors voted. All voted for option 2 with the more expensive router.

FG/2025/055 To receive an update regarding changing our payroll provision from Brightpay

Resolved: Clerk obtained quotes ranging from £30 per month to £80 per month. The best option was Parkins accountants at Wickersley, who could take on the payroll provision and pay the tax, NI and pension contributions for the council.

Voting: 4 councillors voted. All voted in favour of Parkins.

FG/2025/056 To consider our caretaker having access to Scribe

Resolved: Clerk has reset the password for Scribe and will coach the caretaker on how use Scribe on his return from holiday.

FG/2025/057 To receive an update regarding employing a financial advisor regarding investment opportunities with CCLA

Resolved: Clerk awaiting response from SLCC regarding recommendations for an Independent Financial Advisor for further advise.

FG/2025/058 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION - To receive any complaints received by the council and consider any further action

The Clerk advised that no complaints have received by the council since the last considered complaint.

FG/2025/059 To note the latest report for complaints and compliments for the council and discuss any concerns

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No new complaints or compliments to report.

FG/2025/060 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

No matters were raised for inclusion on the agenda. Clerk to check the policy review schedule and include any that are due for renewal next meeting.

FG/2025/061 To confirm the date and time of the next Finance & General Committee will be held on Thursday 17th April 2025 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber of the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall

The Chair confirmed the date and time of the next meeting and brought the meeting to a close.

The meeting closed at 19:17pm.

Chairperson Initial: