

**Minutes of the Finance and Policy Committee Meeting of the Town Council on
Monday 30th May 2023 at 6.30pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

St Paul's Ward

Cllr McCollum

Cllr J Brown

Cllr Hurford

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk

1no. member of public via Zoom

2no. members of public in person

- 23/01/FP** **Election of the Finance & Policy Committee Chairman
Committee RESOLVED to elect Cllr Sexton as Chairman for
2023/24.**
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr Hurford and seconded by Cllr McCollum
- 23/02/FP** In the absence of the Chairman and having not elected a Deputy
Chairman, the Committee elected a Chairman for this meeting.
**Committee RESOLVED to elect Cllr Hurford as Chairman for this
Committee meeting.**
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Hurford
- 23/03/FP** **Election of the Finance & Policy Committee Deputy Chairman
Committee RESOLVED to elect Cllr Keene as Deputy Chairman for
2023/24.**
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr Hurford and seconded by Cllr Brown
- 23/04/FP** **Apologies for absence**
Cllrs Keene, S Sexton, Maunder and Wakefield
- 23/05/FP** **Declarations of Interests**
None
- 23/06/FP** **Dispensations**
None
- 23/07/FP** **Public Question Time for items on the agenda**

A member of the public (from Honiton Community Action Group) highlighted the proposal for Swift nest boxes at the Beehive. Full Council 3 April 2023 approved the principle the proposal now presented the details for 10no. nest boxes. Committee members asked how many nest boxes are planned in Honiton and locating box above rear door to JLA.

- 23/08/FP** **Committee RESOLVED to re-order the Agenda to discuss Swift nest boxes next.**
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr Hurford and seconded by Cllr Brown
- 23/09/FP** **Swift Nest Boxes at Beehive**
Committee **RESOLVED** to approve installation of nest boxes at the Beehive.
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Brown
- 23/10/FP** **Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee held on 20th February 2023**
Committee RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting held on 20th February 2023 as published and circulated with the agenda.
For: 3, Against: 0, Abstention: 0
Proposed by Cllr McCollum and seconded by Cllr Brown
- 23/11/FP** **Q4 2022/23 Financial Report**
Committee noted that the increase in Precept 22/23 predominately enabled underwriting of HCC's costs and contribution to Reserves. Committee **NOTED** the:
- (a) [2022/23 financial report](#); and
 - (b) reconciliation of accounts to end March 2023 – [Current](#), [Nationwide](#) & [Savings Account](#).
- 23/12/FP** **Internal Audit Report**
Committee noted that Market traders preferred to pay fees in cash and that the Investment Strategy was approved by Full Council May 2023. Committee **NOTED** the Internal Audit 22/23 report and the Council's actions.

23/13/FP

[Draft AGAR 2022/23](#)

Committee noted that staff costs were lower in 2021/22 as reduced hours of the Town Clerk. Committee **NOTED** the draft AGAR 2022/23.

23/14/FP

To close the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7:10pm.

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