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Finance Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.05pm

Present:

Cllr Chalmers (Chair)
Cllr Anderton
Cllr Curley
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Heap

Also in attendance:

Cllr Connell
Cllr Railton
Cllr Rooke
Cllr Turnbull
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

F1/02/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pape and Cllr Potts.

F2/02/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to report.

F3/02/25 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Change of Banking Arrangements from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank**

The Clerk reported that the application and supporting information and documentation has been submitted to Unity Trust to begin the switch. The Councillors who have been added to Unity Trust as signatories will be contacted in due course to sign the relevant documents.

F4/02/25 Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

F5/02/25 Management Accounts

The Chair presented the Management Accounts for January 2025. The payment amount for salaries is lower than usual due to the majority of wages being paid in February, following system issues with Barclays.

As discussed, and agreed in January, budget underspends in other areas will be vired to Building Repairs, primarily for repair work to the Public Hall.

The Management Accounts for January 2025 were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

F6/02/25 Grant Application for Charity Accounts

An application has been submitted from Eden Young Farmers for a contribution towards a new gazebo for their events. All the events they hold benefit the surrounding community in some way as they do a lot of fundraising.

It was **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council to advise that the trustees of the Hannah Kennington charity consider the application and decide an appropriate amount.

Cllr Chalmers proposed that grant applications should be considered at certain times of the year, rather than on an ongoing basis, as there had been a steady stream of applications received recently,

and this would allow applications to be reviewed and considered with other applications. Cllr Anderton commented that the practice some years ago had been to review applications twice a year.

ACTION: The Clerk will look at reverting back to reviewing applications twice a year rather than on an ongoing basis.

F7/02/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

F8/02/25 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on **Monday 10th March 2025** at **7.15pm**, or at the rising of the Planning and General Purposes Committee in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 19th February 2025**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Committee to sign these minutes, to confirm they're being a true and accurate record:

Cllr Duncan Curley