

## **BILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at Billingham Library & Customer Service Centre**

**Present: Councillor** Helen Atkinson  
Adam Gilburt (arrived at 6.40pm)  
Gina McCall  
Guy Snead  
Ann McCoy

**Official:** Miss Dee Smith, Town Clerk/RFO

**Apologies:** Cllr Clare Besford - Personal  
Cllr Marc Besford – Personal  
Cllr Colin Leckonby – Personal  
Cllr Jim Scollen – Personal

Two representatives from Billingham Boxing Academy and one representative from 'Time for Thomas' were also present.

In the absence of the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Guy Snead, Vice Chair, assumed the Chair.

**121/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The usual rules about housekeeping were made.

**122/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations on this occasion.

**123/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME**

There were no public questions on this occasion.

**124/24 MINUTES OF FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING HELD ON  
19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

Members were asked to approve the above minutes.

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Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

## **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the above meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, a copy of which has previously been circulated to each member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

### **125/24 PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LISTS**

Members were asked to approve the following:

- (i) Payments to creditors for November 2024 for the main account.
- (ii) Payments to creditors for November 2024 for the cafe account.
- (iii) Staffing costs for November 2024.
- (vi) To note the income received for November 2024.
- (vii) Members were provided for information, with the bank reconciliation for all accounts up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **RESOLVED**

- a. Members approved the above reports.
- b. Councillor McCoy checked and signed the bank reconciliations.

### **126/24 CAFÉ IN THE PARK – PROFIT & LOSS REPORT**

Members were presented with a profit and loss report for the Café in the Park, up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **RESOLVED**

Information duly noted.

### **127/24 DRAFT BUDGET 2025-2026**

Members were asked to consider the draft budget for 2025-2026 for recommendation to Full Council in January 2025.

## **RESOLVED**

To refer the draft budget for 2025-2026 to the next meeting of this committee in January 2025.

### **128/24 SPONSORSHIP**

Members were asked to consider a sponsorship application from Billingham Boxing Academy for £3500 to take a team of female boxers to Sweden to

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compete in the prestigious Golden Girls Box Club next year.

**RESOLVED**

Members unanimously agreed sponsorship of £4000. The Boxing Academy was praised for all the work they do with local children.

**129/24**

**GRANT FUNDING**

- a. Members were asked to consider a grant application for £500 from 'Time for Thomas' to support a young local resident with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
- b. Members were asked to consider a grant application for £500 from Iron Guidance to support a Teatime Club they run at St Aidans Church by providing a hot meal and activities to local children one evening a week.

**RESOLVED**

- i. To approve £500 funding for 'Time for Thomas'.
- ii. To approve £500 funding to Iron Guidance.

The meeting concluded at 7.45 pm with Councillors Atkinson, Gilbert, McCoy and McCall present.

Signed..... Date .....  
Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee