



Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 14 April 2025 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present: Rob Marshall (Chair), Ian Scott, Martin O'Neill, Phil Keeton, Sara Keeton, Tim Zhou and Carrie Townsend Jones

Officers Present: Ian Hughes – CSO

Prior to the meeting commencing, The Chair, Cllr Marshall wished to thank both Councillors and Officers for their contributions towards the success of The Finance and Compliance Committee over the past year. In the final meeting of the current financial year Cllr Marshall singled out his Vice Chair, Cllr Erasmus for her support during this period.

FI2504-01 **Apologies:** Cllr Erasmus

FI2504-02 **Declarations of Interest:** None

FI2504-03 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2025 as a true record.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2025 as a true record.

FI2504-04 **Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting**

Outstanding actions outlined by CSO.

RESOLVED outstanding actions updated, details recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.



FI2404-05

Budget Monitoring Reports to 28/02/2025 - Paul Beynon, RFO

Reports attached

Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon, who had previously circulated reports to councillors.

No queries regarding these reports were raised prior to the meeting.

The RFO had prepared budget monitoring reports in relation The Ostreme Centre which indicated the need for virements to be made and for the transfer of funds from 'Contingency' to be requested.

A discussion took place in relation to Ostreme expenditure.

RECOMMENDED: That the three areas highlighted by The RFO for the transfer of funds from 'Contingency' namely, Business Rates, Scribe Booking System and Health and Safety Consultant be approved by Full Council

ACTION: The RFO to consider suitable areas to vire money to the areas highlighted in his report, namely Water, Broadband & Telephone, Janitorial Supplies and Relief Cleaner. Potential areas from where money could be vired from included Music Licence and surplus income in relation to Ostreme.

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring reports to 28th February 2025.

FI2503-06

Sculpture by the Sea UK Ltd Grant Application

Grant Application for £3,350 to contribute towards the Beach Sculpture Festival 2025 and pre-festival children's workshops. Providing healthy mind and body activities.

The CSO outlined that the applicant whilst providing bank statements had not provided annual accounts in line with MCC's new policy for grant applications. The applicant had informed MCC that successful grant applications had previously been made without annual accounts and that the applicant's organisation did not have the capability to provide annual accounts.

Cllr Scott reaffirmed the comments of The CSO adding that whilst no annual accounts existed the applicant scored highly in other areas. In addition, Cllr Scott suggested that should the application be recommended by Committee, Full Council should consider informing the applicant that future grant applications will only be considered with annual reports.



RECOMMENDED that a grant of £3,350 be made to contribute towards the Beach Sculpture Festival 2025 and pre-festival children's workshops. Providing healthy mind and body activities.

From **Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants.**

FI2503-07

Newton Athletic Football Club Grant Application

Grant Application for £1,500 to contribute towards the. Newton Athletic Football Festival (Children)

RECOMMENDED that a grant of £1,500 to contribute towards the. Newton Athletic Football Festival (Children)

From **Budget FC1 Small and Medium Grants.**

Meeting ended 6.59pm

Next Meeting 19^h May 2025