

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

#### PRESENT:

Councillor Jordan Keeble (Chairman)
Councilor Amrik Jhawar
Councilor Phil Millward
Councilor David Brown
Councilor John Snell

Cllr. S. Ali

#### In Attendance

Clerk: Jane Lees

**Deputy Clerk** Rebecca Cowie

#### **WELCOME**

Please be aware this meeting will be audio recorded.

# F25/010 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. E. Callear, Cllr. S. Younis

Cllr. P. Millward proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to note the apologies.

# F25/011 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

## F25/012 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.



#### F25/013 FINANCIAL REPORT

(i) Cllr. J. Snell and Cllr. E. Callear verified the approval list (Appendix A & B) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £15,544.06, Direct Debits of £2,376.73 and Debit card payments of £2.836.13.

Cllr. J. Snell and Cllr. D. Brown verified the approval list (Appendix C & D) against invoices. Payments detailed and approved for faster payment totaling £27,066.26, Direct Debits of £3,336.20 and Debit card payments of £771.78

# Cllr. P. Millward proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

(ii) Salary payments (Appendix E) in respect of July payroll, totaling £12,493,87, PAYE & NI to HMRC of £3,596.88 and Pension payments to Shropshire County Pension Fund of £3,964.20 paid by BACS.

Salary payments (Appendix F) in respect of August payroll, totaling £14,404.05, PAYE & NI to HMRC of £4,690.53 and Pension payments to Shropshire County Pension Fund of £4,761.48 paid by BACS.

# Cllr. A. Jhawar proposed, Cllr. D. Brown seconded, all in favour to approve payments as detailed.

(iii) Transfer of £10,000.00 from Lloyds Savings Account to Unity Trust Bank instant savings account to open 35 day notice deposit account with Unity Trust Bank using £85,000 deposit.

# Cllr. P. Millward proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to approve transfer as detailed.

- (iv) Budget comparisons up to 31st July 2025 noted.
- (v) Debt collection for Community Centre room hire discussed.

# Cllr. J. Snell proposed, Cllr. P. Milward seconded, all in favour to resolve, if all lines of recovery have been exhausted then to seek recovery through HM Courts



#### F25/014 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATION

The Chair welcomed everyone back following the summer break. The Chair asked for volunteers to join a working group tasked with overseeing the budget.

## F25/015 HURLEYBROOK UPDATE

Cllr. P. Milward gave the Committee an update on the pollution in Hurleybrook.

# Cllr. S. Ali joined the meeting

The Friends of Hurleybrook are monitoring the water and found pollutants are increasing. A meeting was held with officers from Severn Trent, the Environmental Agency, the Friends of Hurleybrook and Councillors. Another meeting is to be held with this group in the near future, which Cllr. P. Milward will report back on to the committee.

Cllr. J. Snell thanked Cllr. P. Milward on his hard work on this matter, echoed by all committee members.

## F25/016 LEEGOMERY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr. D. Brown proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to defer this item.

#### F25/017 LEEGOMERY COMMUNITY CENTRE ROOM HIRE

The Committee discussed the request to reduce the cost of room hire for Models for Heroes group. It was agreed that to reduce rates for one charity would set a precedent, meaning that all charities would have to have their rates reduced. As this is not economically viable, it was decided that the request would have to be refused.

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. J. Snell seconded, all in favour to refuse a reduction in hire charge for Models for Heroes.

#### F25/018 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Applications for consideration** 

None

#### F25/019 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT AGENDA

Acoustic measures for Leegomery Hall



# F25/020 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Full Council Tuesday 7th October at 7.00pm.

**Events Committee Wednesday 29th October at 1pm** 

Finance Committee Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

**Personnel Committee Meeting tba** 

## F25/021 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr. S. Ali proposed, Cllr. A. Jhawar seconded, all in favour to exclude press and public

F25/022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2025/2026
This matter was discussed and resolved.

## F25/023 CEMETERY LODGE

This matter was discussed and resolved.

Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Signature of Chair	
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