



Minutes of the Finance Committee of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Meeting Room, Town Hall on Thursday 17th August 2023 at 6.30pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor L Morgan
Councillor K McIntyre, Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor W Feather,
Councillor P Madeley.

Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer)

2324/020 ITEM 1 – Chairman’s remarks

Councillor L Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2324/021 ITEM 2 – To accept reasons for absence.

Councillor A Higgins, prior work commitment.

Reason accepted.

Councillor R Judge was absent.

2324/022 ITEM 3 – Declarations of Interest

None declared.

2324/023 ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requests

None received.

2324/024 ITEM 5 – Representations from the public

None

2324/025 ITEM 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held by Finance Committee on 17th August 2023 were unanimously resolved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Councillor P Madeley and seconded by Councillor K McIntyre.

2324/026 ITEM 7 – Budget

2324/018 ITEM 8 – Town Hall Office Accommodation

The Chief Officer reported that all approaches to have discussions with NYC to resolve this issue had been ignored and the insurance cover would not include legal dispute resolution with the landlord. Members advised that they did not feel it was appropriate to use public funds for legal disputes therefore the £100 offer would be accepted, and this would be vired to the stationary budget.

Chairman’s signature

The following update was circulated;

April-June 2023:

The following dates and actions are to be discussed and confirmed at the Finance Committee on 17th August.

Workshops in schools with the assistance of the Youth Council – Difficult to deliver because of timeline for schools with stats / exams. Liaise with Youth Council to ask for support and for them to reach out to schools – Actioned.

July 2023

Hold events in the parks during the summer holidays once a week with a different park used each time. Bouncy Castle, facepainting, ice cream, games. Have an STC presence there with surveys – Every Wednesday in the summer holidays an event is organized for each of the parks. Confirm which Councillor can attend – No response

Launch online survey, circulate as widely as possible inc schools/businesses – Survey Monkey, once outline questions confirmed at committee enter them into a survey monkey advertising the survey online, Craven Herald, social media – LAUNCHED 25TH JULY 2023

Sep 2023

Have a stall on the Market promoting community engagement in the plan – Book dates. – no response received

Hold an event at the Town Hall for local charities and organisations to showcase what they do. Have an STC stand there – Environment Day, 10th September – Booked and will attend

Deliver 2 community workshops on what the community priorities are – Approach 2 community groups and ask for an open day to liaise with the groups or attend meetings and present. – No response

Hold a session with the Councillors to choose priorities from the information gained during the community consultation – 9TH September 2023 – Due to reorganize as only 4 members responded.

Oct 2023

Hold a Councillor and Officer session – Working group meetings?

Draft Plan to be written up.

Dec/Jan

Draft Plan to Full Council.

Jan 2024

Final Amendments to be made.

Adopt Plan March 2024 ready for implementation May 2024. An annual report will be prepared each year for the May Annual Meeting.

The timeline of the Strategic Plan was noted and accepted. It was confirmed that members.

Chairman's Initials.....

had not responded to any calls for consultation periods or for making themselves available, therefore, the Chief Officer would continue using the consultation notes that were live and send reminders of dates and actions needed to members.

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2324/010 ITEM 10– Notification of Business for a future agenda

Councillor Madeley requested an update from April of overtime, lieu hours and hours worked at home to be on the next agenda and all future agendas of the Finance committee.

*The meeting was closed at 18.49pm
The next committee meeting of Finance committee is Thursday 19th October 2023.*