

Minutes of the Finance Committee of Skipton Town Council held in the Hub, Town Hall, High Street, Skipton on Thursday 19th June at 6.30pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor L Morgan (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R Heseltine, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor A Higgins,
Councillor K McIntyre & Councillor W Feather.
Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer) & Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)

- 2526/001** **ITEM 1 – Chairman’s remarks**
Councillor Morgan welcomed everybody to the meeting.
- 2526/002** **ITEM 2 – To accept reasons for absence.**
Councillor S Morton, who had prior work commitment – reasons accepted.
- 2526/003** **ITEM 3 – Declarations of Interest**
None declared
- 2526/004** **ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requests**
None requested.
- 2526/005** **ITEM 5 – Representations from the public**
None
- 2526/006** **ITEM 6 – Minutes of the previous meeting**
Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor A Higgin, and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on 13th February 2025 were an accurate record of the meeting.
- 2526/007** **ITEM 7 – Finance Reports**
Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor A Higgins, and resolved in favour to approve the schedule of payments, bank reconciliations, and the budget to date.
- 2526/008** **ITEM 8 – Civicly**
A proposal for new software to manage the Council’s assets was not supported, and members resolved not to progress the quotation.
Proposed by Councillor A Higgins, seconded by Councillor R Heseltine, and unanimously supported.

Chairman’s signature

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ITEM 9 – Community Grant scheme

A funding application was received from the Craven Arts Charitable Trust.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley, seconded by Councillor A Higgins, and resolved unanimously in favour to support the application and award the funding.

A funding application was received from The Kitchen Crew.

Proposed by Councillor R Heseltine, seconded by Councillor K McIntyre, and resolved unanimously in favour to reject the application due to there being insufficient information. Members did advise that if the applicant completed the application fully, with the constitution of the CIC, more evidence and detail of the benefit to Skipton residents, and 3-month bank statements, then they would look at it again.

A funding application was received from Say Aphasia.

Proposed by Councillor A Higgins, seconded by Councillor P Madeley, and unanimously resolved in favour to reject this application due to it being out of scope for the grant criteria.

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ITEM 10 – Car Parking Charges

Members discussed a request from a resident to contact NYC about the fees for using the town's parking lots. They also noted that other market towns had varying charges and that blue badge holders could park for free in Harrogate and Ripon.

Proposed by Councillor R. Heseltine and seconded by Councillor P. Madeley, to write to NYC to advise them of the high charges imposed on the residents and visitors of Skipton, and to express the Town Council's concerns regarding the commercial viability of our Market Town. Additionally, it would be important to ask why the car parking policy is not standardized throughout North Yorkshire.

4 votes in favour – motion carried

Proposed by Councillor J Woollacott, seconded by Councillor A Higgins, to not support this request as the car parking charges are not too high, and lowering them discourages people from using active travel.

2 votes – motion fell

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ITEM 11 – Notification of business for a future agenda

The meeting was closed at 7.14 pm

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on
Thursday 14th August 2025

Chairman's Initials.....