

## Market Drayton Town Council

### Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 7.35pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R. Aldcroft, B. Chapman, P. Glover, G. Groves, and R. Hughes (Chairman), ,

**ABSENT:** Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, and T. Beckett, M. Erwin, W. Love, T. Manton, I. Nellins, A. Sanderson

**In Attendance:** 2 members of the public were present and 0 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

**Clerks:** Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

#### 1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor J. Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor T. Beckett	-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor W. Love	-	Illness
Councillor T. Manton	-	Work Commitments
Councillor I. Nellins	-	Work Commitments
Councillor A. Sanderson	-	Work Commitments

#### 2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. There were no Pecuniary Interests declared.
- ii. There were no applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011 received.

#### 3.FG PUBLIC SESSION

Standing orders were suspended.

Lee Sealy and Dee Cowey were in attendance to speak about Market Drayton Boxing Club

Mr Sealy spoke about the club, their principles of constitution, their fund raising and their project called Reaching New Heights; the installation of a mezzanine floor at the Market Drayton Amateur Sports Club building.

He said the project will cost £26,940; a conditional funding offer from Sports England for £13,470 (half of the project costs) has been received subject to the remaining £13,470 being raised by the boxing club. The initial offer was for 28 days, this has been extended slightly, but they are working to tight deadlines. The club has currently raised £3,100.

Ms Cowey said that the club has limited space on the ground floor of the facility, which they share with the squash club, with over 100 adults and young people attending boxing

sessions each week additional space is needed. The boxing club will have their equipment set out on the mezzanine but it will be available for wider use.

The club are proud of the money they raise for charity, in the future some of the funds raised will be used for the club.

#### **4.FG MINUTES**

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Glover seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To approve the minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6 February 2025.**

#### **5.FG FUNDING REQUEST**

Members considered a request from Market Drayton Boxing Club for funding from the CIL – Neighbourhood Fund to install a mezzanine floor at the Market Drayton Community Amateur Sports centre as set out in Appendix FG165.

Councillor Groves asked if any members of the Boxing Club are paid; it was confirmed that the Head Coach is paid per session.

After a short discussion,

Councillor Groves proposed that half of the funding, £6,735, be awarded and that the Town Council underwrite the balance. The proposal was not seconded.

Councillor Hughes said he thought this project was an excellent proposal, the club help a lot of young people

Councillor Hughes proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with one against:

**To award Market Drayton Boxing Club £10,370 (£13,470 less the £3,100 already raised) towards the installation of a mezzanine floor at the Market Drayton Amateur Sports Club building from the CIL – Neighbourhood Fund.**

#### **6.FG HIRE OF COUNCIL OWNED FACILITIES**

To consider setting up a Working Group to update the policy and conditions for the hire of council owned facilities.

Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

**To set up a working group to update the policy and conditions for the hire of council owned facilities.**

**To bring the agenda item back to committee after May to agree who will sit on the working group.**

#### **7.FG ASSET REGISTER**

To receive and agree the Asset Register up to 31 March 2025 as set out in Appendix FG166.

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Hughes seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**  
To agree the Asset Register up to 31 March 2025

**8.FG FINANCIAL REPORT**

The income and expenditure report was set out in Appendix FG167.

No questions were asked.

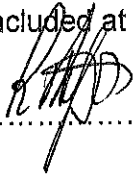
Councillor Chapman proposed, Councillor Goves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**  
To agree the income and expenditure report for 1 February – 28 February 2025.

**9.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION**

Members Noted:

- i. Financial Regulations Section 2.6; the monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off.
- ii. Financial Regulations Section 13.6; the quarterly VAT has been claimed and received.

The meeting concluded at 7.58 p.m.

Signed:  .....

Date: 12/6/25 .....