

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Town Hall, Frogmore Road on Thursday 6 February 2025 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Aldcroft, T. Beckett, C. Chapman, P. Glover, G. Groves, R. Hughes (Chairman), W. Love, T. Manton, and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs J. Beckett, M. Erwin, and A. Sanderson.

In Attendance: 0 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 received:

Councillor J. Beckett	-	Illness
Councillor M. Erwin	-	Illness
Councillor A. Sanderson	-	Prior Appointment

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

No members of the public had expressed a wish to speak at the meeting.

4.FG MINUTES

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

To approve the minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 December 2024.

5.FG EARMARKED RESERVES 202526

A draft list of Earmarked reserves was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG147.

The Chair, RFO and Clerk previously discussed the earmarked reserves; the proposal to be considered by members was to remove the budget codes where there are no identified projects and to increase reserves in the areas where council are accruing funds for projects by moving unspent budget across.

The Clerk said there is money still to spend from the reserves; this is a draft list for members to discuss and agree in principle, it will come back to Council at a later date.

The Chairman welcomed any comments they would like to make.

There were no comments made.

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

To accept the following draft Earmarked Reserves for 2025/26 in principle:

Code	Description	Proposed value for 2025/26 £
316	Town Action Plan WG	0
319	Replacement Bowser	2,300
320	Election Fund	45,000
325	Climate Change Project	0
327	Public Toilets Maintenance	155,854.17
330	Cemetery Maintenance	33,153
334	Rec Ground	12,173.22
335	Vehicle Replacement Fund	35,000
336	Bus Shelter Fund	0
338	Regalia	3,000
340	CCTV	8,000
343	Skatepark	0
345	Cemetery Equipment/Mower	22,000
347	CIL Neighbourhood Fund	121,666.56
348	The Zone	0
349	Street Lighting	0
351	Farm Welfare Storage	3,000
353	Communications & Town Prom	0
354	Cemetery Land	50,000

6.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

The income and expenditure report for 1 December 2024 – 31 January 2025 was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG148.

There were no questions asked.

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

To agree the income and expenditure report for 1 December 2024 – 31 January 2025.

7.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- i) The monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off.

