



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Finance Meeting held on Monday 19th November 2024, in the Ballroom at the Town Hall, at 7 pm.

Present:

Cllrs

Adams (GA), Burton (TB), Ryan (LR), Marshall (TM) Paige (MP), Taylor (ST) Stannard (TS)

Town Clerk – Claire Burrow / RFO - Carrie Pillow (Via video link)

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F.20 Apologies: To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

None

F.21 Declaration of Interest: To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

GA – Grant application 4 / 15

MP - Grant application 6 / 8 /9

TM - Grant application 2 / 6

LR - Grant application 11

TS - Grant application 12

F.22 To receive Comment & Concerns: Public participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public Or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consultation. (NB: for non-agenda items Members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification)

None

F.23 To Confirm the Minutes of the previous finance meeting on **Monday 19th August 2024**

Resolved to approve the minutes finance meeting of **Monday 19th August 2024**

F.24 To conduct Quarterly Internal Control checks with RFO for the quarter to Oct 2024

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- A. Payments - Councillors **completed** spot checks
- B. Awaiting payments - Councillors **completed** spot checks
- C. Payment to approve prior to Month end - **None**
- D. Receipts - Councillors **completed** spot checks
- E. Bank reconciliation - Councillors reviewed & **Resolved** to approve
- F. VAT return – Log in issues. Councillors reviewed & **Resolved** to approve
- G. Performance against budget & any budget movements. Councillors reviewed & **Resolved** to approve
- H. To review Virgin Bank & bank signatories, additional info required – Councillor to **complete** applications.
- I. To complete the Parish Council Internal Control checklist. Chair **completed** Internal Control Checklist

F.25 To consider special projects for 2025/2026

Title	Budget
Defibrillator installation	2,000.00
Cemetery Exp	20,000.00
Wenningdale Window	5,000.00
Remote Heating	1,000.00
Ballroom Floor	7,000.00
2025/ 2026 Grants	12,250.00
Public Toilet	2,000.00
VAS signs	5,000.00
Path To Playing field	2,000.00
Mugga	7,000.00
SUB TOTAL	63,250.00

The council **Resolved** to approve the above projects to be added to the 2025 / 2026 Budget

F.26 To consider Grant applications for 2025/2026

	£12,250.00
Name	Grant Amt Approved
Cancer Care	£150.00
Collingwood & Longstaffes	£450.00
Goodenber Play Area	£1,000.00
The Pantry Bentham	£500.00
Age Concern Bentham	£500.00
Springfield bowling club	£250.00
Community Link Cafe	£250.00
Low Bentham Public Hall and Victoria Institute	£2,000.00
Bentham Playing Fields Association (BPFA)	£5,000.00
The Bay Prostate Cancer Support Group	£300.00
Bonfire	£1,000.00
LASRUG	£200.00
Friends of Bentham Station	£150.00
Youth club	£500.00

The council **Resolved** to approve the above Precept Grants

F.27 To consider 2025/2026 Budget to present to full council for approval.

The council reviewed and adjusted the budget and **Resolved** to approve the Budget – Appendix 1

F.28 To consider NYC Precept request for 2025/2026

The council **Resolved** to approve a precept demand of £150,000, and the use of General Reserve for the Budgeted shortfall £48000

F.29 Items for the next meeting and minor items for information only.

None

F.30 To agree date of the next Finance Committee meeting - 14th April 2025

The council **Resolved** to the next Finance Committee meeting - 14th April 2025