



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Policy Management & Finance meeting held on 2 June 2025 at 7.30pm
in The Beacon, Portway, Wantage, OX12 9BX
The minutes are draft until approved at the next meeting

Councillors Present: A Crawford (Chair), I Cameron, A Dunford, J Hannaby, E Johnson, P Kirby-Harris, A Menzies, K Morris, P O’Leary, S Third, L Todd, C Walters

In attendance:

Julia Evans

Town Clerk

2 Members of the public

		ACTION
1	Apologies for Absence Cllrs Cunningham and Gilhome	
2	Declarations of Interest Cllr Hannaby as a VCI Trustee.	
3	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2025 The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed. PROPOSED BY Cllr Third SECONDED BY Cllr O’Leary RESOLVED	
4	Statements & Questions from the Public a) Update from VCI. An update on the VCI activities was given. The grant from WTC was key in enabling them to provide assistance to almost 8000 people from Wantage in the last year. It was noted that there had been some difficulties in obtaining the S106 funding and they were working with officers on this. b) Update on Padel and Pickleball project from Wantage Tennis club. Planning permission was granted in April 2025. They are applying for S106 funding for the project. Vale legal fees will be significant. A schedule of work was being developed and was likely to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks and the funding application will take another 4-6 months. It was anticipated that the facility would open in 2027. The representatives of VCI and Wantage Tennis Club were thanked for attending.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes a) Update re community bus service working group Potential drivers had been contacted and a meeting was to	

	<p>be arranged. Adverts had gone out for more drivers. It was noted that back office support would also be required. Research into vehicles had been carried out. A visit to Faringdon had taken place to see how their service worked. A proper ticketing system was being considered. Concern was raised about road parking on the bus route. Communication with residents would be key.</p> <p>b) Asset of Community Value – Wantage Community Hospital and allotment sites. No update.</p> <p>c) Emergency Plan. Cllr Walters was to review the current plan. Clerk to arrange a meeting with County officers at some stage in the future.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>CW/Clerk</p>
Policy		
6	<p>Policy for external printing jobs</p> <p>It was noted that most printers now offered environmentally friendly services. It was felt that sustainable printers should be prioritised where practical. Clerk to draft a policy and circulate for comment,</p>	Clerk
Management & Finance		
7	<p>To receive the income and expenditure report</p> <p>Reviewed and noted</p>	
8	<p>To review and sign the accounts for payment</p> <p>Reviewed and approved. The Accounts for payment list was signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Hannaby Seconded Cllr Dunford RESOLVED</p>	
9	<p>To sign the bank reconciliation statements</p> <p>Reviewed and approved. The bank reconciliation statements were signed.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Walters Seconded Cllr Cameron RESOLVED</p>	
10	<p>To review the Barclaycard statement for May</p> <p>Reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Cllr Menzies RESOLVED</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>28 July 2025. Cllr Crawford gave his apologies.</p> <p>The Civic visit would take place in October. Activities were to be arranged.</p>	

The meeting closed at: 20.20

Signed: _____

Date: _____