



# Kington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Old Police Station, Kington

PRESENT	IN ATTENDANCE
Cllr. R. Banks - Chairman	
Cllr. E. Banks	
Cllr. M. Fitton	
Cllr. F. Hawkins	Liz Kelso - Clerk
Cllr. E. Rolls	Ruth Robinson – Assistant Clerk
Cllr. D. Redmayne	
Cllr. R. Widdowson	

### Agenda Item

- F&GP 001-23**      1.      **Apologies, declarations of interest and requests for dispensation**  
There were no apologies or declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.
- F&GP 002-23**      2.      **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign as a true record of proceedings at that meeting.
- F&GP 003-23**      3      **Community Grants**  
Whilst a number of community grants were approved by full council on 5<sup>th</sup> December, there remains two applications where further information is required. There were, therefore, no recommendations for further awards at the present time. Members also noted that one application has been withdrawn.
- There will be one final opportunity for community groups to apply for funding towards the end of this financial year.
- F&GP 004-23**      4      **Draft Budget for year to 31.3.2024**  
Members reviewed the draft budget for the year to 31.3.2024, noting the difficulty in making provision for items not yet fully identified or where timing of the expenditure is unclear. After due consideration it was agreed that the draft budget as presented to the meeting be put to full council with a recommendation for adoption. If agreed by full council, this would result in a precept of £117,500, which is unchanged from the current financial year although a fall in the tax base (the number of band D equivalent properties in the parish) would mean a small increase of 92p per band D equivalent property for the year.

- F&GP 005-23**      5      **Financial impact of externally funded projects**  
There was nothing to report under this agenda item as all externally funded projects have now been completed and grant funding received.
- F&GP 006-23**      6      **Internal Audit**  
In accordance with recommended practice, the Clerk has approached alternative providers of the internal audit function to obtain quotations for the work going forward. Two providers have responded and after due consideration, it was agreed to recommend to full council that Mulberry and Co., based in Godalming, be appointed as internal auditors for the current and forthcoming year, at an anticipated cost in the region of £500 for the year (including travel costs).
- F&GP 007-23**      7      **Items for the next agenda**  
There were no items raised for the next agenda.
- F&GP 008-23**      8      **Date of the next meeting**  
It was agreed that the next meeting of the F&GP Committee will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 5.30pm in the Old Police Station, Market Hall Street.
- There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

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Chairman  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_