

**Minutes of the Finance, Building and & Assets Committee
held in The Council Chambers, New Mills Town Hall, New Mills
At 8.00pm on Monday 23 September 2024**

Councillors Present Steve Davey (Chair), Margaret Ritchie, Andrew Denton, Beth Eadie, and Lyn Bannister.

In Attendance Clare Wild (Clerk) No members of the public.

Meeting Opened at 8.55pm

FIN/24/25 Introductions and Apologies for Absence

Absent Cllrs: John Reed, Katy Pearson, Matthew Donovan, Simon Evans, David Aris-Sutton and Michelle Bancroft had presented apologies.

FIN/24/26 Variation Of Business

None

FIN/24/27 Declaration of Members Interests

No declarations were made.

FIN/24/28 Public Participation

No members if the public were in attendance.

FIN/24/29 Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED The minutes of the Finance & Assets Sub-Committees meeting held on 24 June 2024, had been confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meetings.

FIN/24/30 Building Maintenance

Clerk confirmed that work continued on the exercise to a list of works & repairs that are required for each building.

ACTION: The clerk would compile a list of capital repairs that are required for each building and present to the committee when completed.

FIN/24/31 Rates for Room Bookings

Committee members noted the updated details of alternative venues to complete a benchmarking exercise but agreed that due to the length of the previous meeting this matter should be deferred to future meeting.

ACTION: The Committee will discuss income generation from room bookings and events at a future meeting.

FIN/24/32

Internal Audit Report

Clerk advised since the last committee meeting four actions, that had been in progress, had been completed.

ACTION: The Committee will continue to review until all actions have been completed.

FIN/24/33

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: The press and public to be excluded from the meeting of the following matters on the grounds that they could involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in The Local Government Act, Schedule 12A, Part 1.

FIN/24/34

Budget Monitoring

Committee noted the latest forecast for 2024-2025 and first presentation of proposed budget for 2025-2026. Clerk had advised the other committees to submit proposed projects and costs to the Finance, Building and Assets Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Council.

ACTION: Clerk would work with Chair to understand and agree the data required to update the monthly financial monitoring sheet.

FIN/24/35

Lease for 33-35 Union Road, New Mills & District Volunteer Centre (NMDVC)

The Committee has been asked to consider the request from NMDVC to consider future arrangements when the existing lease ends in 2027 and reviewed options and historic records relating to this matter.

RESOLVED: Committee will recommend to the Council that the Council to retain the freehold of the building but offer a long lease to NMDVC for a small annual amount, to be agreed, with the VC maintaining the building. Lease would stipulate that upon NMDVC closing the building would return to NMTC and the cost for arranging the lease would be covered by NMDVC.

RESOLVED: New Mills Town Council closed the meeting as all the agenda items had been discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

Chair _____ Date _____

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