



WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of Finance & Grants meeting held on 23 February 2026 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, S Cunningham, P Kirby-Harris, A Menzies, K Morris, P O’Leary, S Third, L Todd, C Walters

Also present:

In attendance: Julia Evans, Town Clerk

| | | ACTION |
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| 73 | Apologies for Absence Cllrs A Dunford, T Gilhome, J Hannaby, V Wright | |
| 74 | Declarations of Interest None | |
| 75 | To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2026 The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Cllr Cameron RESOLVED | |
| 76 | Statements & Questions from the Public None. | |
| 77 | Update from Youth Challenge Oxfordshire An update on the group’s activities was given. They currently had 60 young people in the program, with the Wantage group meeting at The Beacon. | |
| 78 | Matters arising from the minutes None | |
| 79 | To receive and sign the financial statements for January 2026. Approved and signed. Proposed Cllr Walters Seconded Cllr Menzies RESOLVED | |
| 80 | To sign the bank reconciliation statements The reconciliation reports were noted and signed. Proposed Cllr Third Seconded Cllr Kirby-Harris RESOLVED | |
| 81 | To review the Barclaycard Statement for February Deferred as the February statement had not yet been received. | |

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| 82 | <p>To review and recommend proposals for changes to EMR</p> <p>a) Funds to be transferred to EMR at year end All agreed except for land at Grove Road. To be considered at the next L&A meeting. Cllr Morris to establish whether the spare laptops could be refurbished.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Walters Seconded: Cllr Morris RESOLVED</p> <p>b) Funds to be released from EMR All agreed.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Walters Seconded: Cllr Morris RESOLVED</p> <p>c) Seesen Visit EMR funds to be used. Cost of visit be established. Clerk to find out how much the last visit cost. The Mayor to confirm the dates with the Burgermeister.</p> <p>The above to be confirmed at the next Full Council meeting</p> | <p>Deputy Clerk</p> <p>KM</p> <p>IC Clerk</p> |
| 83 | <p>Date of next meeting 13 April 2026</p> | |
| | <p>It was agreed to go into confidential session. Proposed Cllr Cameron Seconded Cllr Walters RESOLVED</p> | |
| 84 | <p>To receive an update on the transfer of land at Kingsgrove The lease for the allotments had been received and was being reviewed. To be confirmed at the next Full Council meeting.</p> <p>End of confidential session</p> | |

The meeting closed at: 20:40 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____