

FINANCE AND COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE - Chaired by Cllr Tanys Pullin

This has been a very positive year for the Finance and Council Matters Committee.

The Finance and Council Matters Committee is one of the standing Committees of the Council. It meets once a month. It has a membership of 8 councillors, including a Chair and Vice-chair. These meetings are open to the public, although the Act of 1960, as amended, excludes the press and public, in order that confidential items can be discussed.

The function of the Finance and Council Matters Committee:

To exercise the 'Powers of the City Council' regarding: -

- Consideration and determination of all financial matters of the Council unless otherwise delegated, except those reserved by statute. (Finance and Council Matters Committee shall not have authority over the use of budgets assigned to other Committees.)
- This Committee deals with Governance review such as Finance Regulations, Standing Orders, Committee 'terms of reference' 'Schemes of Delegation'.
- Archives & Civic Assets, Unitary & Acquisitions, Staffing. There is now a separate stand-alone Committee for Staffing, which held its first meeting on the 12/1/23. Therefore, Staffing is no longer part of Finance.
- Governance documents; data protection procedures; key policies.
- The annual Budget and Precept.
- Management of the Council's expenditure and budgetary controls. Awarding grants. (Budgets assigned to other Committees shall not be used to award grants.)
- To consider cost implications of any major Council civic/ceremonial event.
- Use of assets and routine management of property, i.e. buildings, including public toilets (except where assigned to Outside Spaces and Estates Committee).

This year's main acquisition was the Bishop's Barn and the Recreation. Wells is very glad to have this historical building and will enjoy watching it come back to life. Talking of which, the Port way Annexe is going from strength to strength with rooms being rented on the increase and the Ukraine hub which is based at the Annexe has been a great success.

Local organisations (below) received grants in September 2022. Our Council has been happy to support such organisations and welcome future requests to help our community.

BLACK* artists on the move

GFM - local radio station for Glastonbury, Wells, Street Wells Community Network

Wells Lions Club

Wells Djembe Circle

Heads Up

Cllr Tanys Pullin
28/02/2023