



Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7:30pm.

Members Present:

Cllr Aldred

Cllr Neal

Cllr Burton

Cllr Whitehead

Cllr Greenwood

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

Business Admin Apprentice: Miss A Luxton

No members of the public were present.

1. To receive apologies.

None.

2. To elect a chair of the Finance Monitoring Committee for the municipal year 2025-2026.

It was resolved that Councillor Janet Whitehead be elected chair of the Finance Monitoring Committee for the municipal year 2025-2026. This was moved Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

3. To receive and note the 3-month outturn report provided by the clerk.

Councillor Neal suggested confirming with Rossendale Borough Council (RBC) their contribution to the town caretaker going forward. Councillor Greenwood requested clarification on wages. It was resolved that Councillors received and noted the 3-month outturn. This was moved by Councillor Neal and seconded by Councillor Burton.

4. To discuss the provision of public access toilets in Whitworth

Councillors discussed the history for the community toilet scheme. Councillors requested that the clerk contact the Ski Centre to enquire about the public toilet provision there. The clerk will also contact Councillor Whitworth regarding the use of the toilets in the library.

5. To discuss the Mildred Crabtree Picnic Area.

Councillors discussed this and agreed to postpone any works in the area at present. Councillor Greenwood stated that she uses the area frequently and will continue to monitor the state of the area.

6. Any other business.

Councillor Neal reported that he had recently attended a LALC conference and reported that there is funding available for new play areas. Councillor Neal reported that he has contacted Proffitts regarding this for Station Road play area.

Councillor Neal reported that Whitworth Town Council need to obtain three estate agents quotes for The Bug and that RBC will handle the sale. Councillor Whitehead will look into this.

The clerk reported that she receives numerous requests to cut back the hedge at the corner of Cowm Park way and Tong Lane. When the hedge is left to grow, it causes a significant reduction in visibility for drivers. The clerk requested the lengthsman to review the hedge, but the works involved would be beyond his resources. Councillors agreed to request a quote to be obtained for removing part of the hedge and this can be discussed in a future Finance Monitoring meeting.

7. To set a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting has been arranged for 7pm on Thursday 4th September.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.