

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
11 March 2025 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr P Byrne (Chairman), Cllr R Beattie, Cllr B Cross, Cllr O Curtis, Cllr A Fernley, Cllr H Howell, Cllr M Levell, Cllr R Levell and Cllr L Wilkes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Tucker, Clerk (Minutes)

FC133.24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr K Harrison, Cllr D Hughes and Cllr T Swailes.

FC134.24 Public Participation

Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

None received.

FC135.24 Questions from Members

None received.

FC136.24 Declarations of Interest

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

None.

FC137.24 Council Minutes: To confirm the minutes of the following Council meetings:

- [Full Council](#) meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11 February 2025 be confirmed as a true record.

FC138.24 Committee Minutes: To receive the minutes of the following Committee meetings:

- [Planning Committee](#) held on Tuesday 18 February 2025

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FC139.24 Mayor's Report: To receive the Mayor's report.

RESOLVED that the digest of Mayoral activities for February 2025 be noted.

FC140.24 Unitary Councillors Report: To receive reports from Unitary Councillors.

The attention of members was drawn to the recent edition of the [Leader's update](#).

RESOLVED that the Unitary Councillor reports be noted.

FC141.24 Planning Applications Received for Consideration:

Cllr L Wilkes left the Chamber for the duration of the item and did not take part in the debate or vote thereon.

NE/25/00208/TPO | **Proposal:** Tree Preservation Order Consent. T7: Pine - remove to ground level and replace with Scots Pine | **Location:** 3 Chestnut Gardens Raunds Wellingborough NN9 6GT

RESOLVED that Raunds Town Council acknowledges the applicant's proposal. Given the tree's protected status, the Council would be guided by the professional opinion of the unitary authority's Tree Officer in determining the necessity and appropriateness of the proposed works. The Council trusts that any decision will consider the tree's contribution to the local environment, amenity value, and compliance with relevant policies.

FC142.24 Applications for Grant Funding: To consider applications for grant funding from Raunds Yarn Bombers and 2nd Raunds Scout Group.

The Council gave consideration to applications for grant funding received from Raunds Yarn Bombers and 2nd Raunds Scout Group.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) A grant of £494 be awarded to Raunds Yarn Bombers for Saxon Hall room hire, cable ties, donation bins, and yarn stash.
- (ii) A grant of £500 be awarded to 2nd Raunds Scout Group for compasses and training aids, collapsible tables and benches, and a storage cupboard.

FC143.24 Graffiti and Street Art Policy: To consider adoption of a Graffiti and Street Art Policy.

The Council reviewed the draft Graffiti and Street Art Policy and suggested a number of minor amendments, as shown at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED to adopt the Graffiti and Street Art Policy, as amended, for a three-year period.

FC144.24 Saxon Hall and Town Hall Maintenance: To consider quotes for Saxon Hall redecoration and Town Hall roofing repairs.

The Clerk presented the report which asked members to review quotes received for maintenance work to Saxon Hall internal doors and the Town Hall roof.

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED that

- (i) Quote 1 for painting of Saxon Hall fire doors be accepted at £2,275; and**
- (ii) Quote 3 for Town Hall roof repairs be accepted at £880+VAT.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.55pm.

Approved: (Town Mayor)

Meeting date.....8 April 2025.....(Council)

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