

Town Clerk

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25 June 2024

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024** at **7:05pm**, or on the rising of the Council meeting, if later.

Les Trigg Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, and to consider the approval of any reasons given for absence under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 2. **Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Requests for Dispensations Received
- 4. To receive a report from County Councillors representing Stone Town
 - County Councillor Mrs J. Hood
 - County Councillor I. Parry
- 5. To receive a report from Borough Councillors representing Stone Town

6. Representations from Members of the Public

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

(NOTE: Due to this meeting taking place in the pre-election period for the UK Parliamentary elections, this item will not be considered).

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 21 May 2024, Minute No's GP25/001 – GP25/022 (attached).

8. Minutes of Sub-Committees

There are no sub-committee minutes for consideration.

9. Grants to Local Organisations

To consider the following requests for grants from local organisations which meet the criteria within the Council's grants policy:

a. Organisation: Christ Church C of E First School PTFA

Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To cover the costs of insulating the school's 'Happiness Hub' (a small wooden building on the playground, used as a base to support the children's wellbeing and mental health) to mitigate temperature control issues.

To consider the following requests for grants from local organisations which do not meet the criteria within the Council's grants policy:

NOTE: These applications do not meet the Council's approved grants criteria, so will not be considered unless a motion is moved and seconded for each application individually that the criteria is waived, and the application approved:

b. Organisation: Pension Reinvention

Amount Requested: £1,500

Reason: To fund the expansion of financial literacy programs within the Stone Community to include: the launch of additional drop-in clinics offering free financial advice, organise interactive workshops and talks for children and adults, distribute educational books to primary schools in Stone.

i. Applicant requests more than £500

c. Organisation: Stone Community Speed Watch Group

Amount Requested: £388.56

Reason: To support the costs involved in installing CSW signs on every road into Stone to warn drivers that Speed Watch volunteers may be present and that speed limits should be adhered to.

i. No accounts available due to nature of organisation

d. Organisation: Stone Scout & Guide Band

Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To cover the costs of essential ongoing maintenance of the Band's instruments.

i. More than 12 months expenditure in reserves

e. Organisation: Diamond Families

Amount Requested: £500

Reason: To purchase supplies for the children to create an allotment area and greenhouse to support their learning about the health benefits that come from sustainability and recycling.

- i. Annual turnover greater than £100,000
- ii. Not Stone based and grant request does not predominantly benefit Stone residents

10. Working Group Co-ordinators

To appoint co-ordinators to the following (existing) working groups:

- Engagement with Young People Working Group (General Purposes Committee)
 Membership: J. Battrick, A. Best, K. Dawson, J. Metters and J. Powell
- Environmental Working Group (Environment Sub-Committee)
 Membership: All Members of the Environment Sub-Committee
- Remembrance Plaques Working Group (Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee)
 Membership: J. Davies, L. Davies and P. Leason
- Market Strategy Working Group (Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee)
 Membership: J. Davies, J. Hood, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead, C. Thornicroft and J. Cook (Co-opted Member)

11. Heritage Centre

To consider an update on the Stone Heritage Centre.

12. Town Council Payments

To receive a list of payments made by the Council during the period 1 to 31 May 2024 (attached).

13. Update from Working Groups:

- a) Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group
- b) Engagement with Young People Working Group

14. To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group – Cllr J. Davies
Stone ATC – Town Mayor & one Cllr – Cllrs: P. Leason and J. Davies
Age Concern Stone & District – Cllrs: J. Davies and C. Thornicroft
Stafford & Stone Access Group – Cllr T. Kelt
Stone Common Plot Trustees – Cllrs: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt, C. Thornicroft and
R. Townsend
Stone Community Hub Liaison Group – Cllrs: J. Battrick, J. Hood and J. Powell
SPCA Executive Committee – Cllr T. Kelt

Stone Traders' Group Directors Meeting – Cllrs: A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood and T. Kelt (Councillors attend on a rotating basis)
West Midlands Railway and other rail matters – Cllr T. Kelt

15. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

16. Confidential Minutes

To approve the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 21 May 2024, Minute Numbers GP25/001, GP25/020, GP25/021 and GP25/022 (attached).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.

Stone Town Council – General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 21 May 2024

PRESENT: Councillor I. Fordham in the Chair, and

Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson, J. Hood, P. Leason,

J. Metters and C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg, R. Edwards and T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: A. Burgess, T. Kelt, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead, J. Powell,

N. Powell and R. Townsend

GP25/001 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: T. Kelt, B. Kenney, R. Kenney, A. Mottershead, J. Powell, N. Powell and R. Townsend

Where a reason for absence is given, this reason was approved for the purposes of Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

GP25/002 Declarations of Interest

None

GP25/003 Requests for Dispensations

None

GP25/004 To receive the report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Jill Hood

The Chairman invited Councillor Hood to address the Committee.

High Street open and close times

Councillor Hood informed the Committee about the County Council's public consultation on a proposal to extend the pedestrianised zone times in the High Street from the existing Monday to Friday 10am to 4.00pm to Monday to Sunday 10:00am to 4:30pm.

The proposed extension will make the High Street a safer environment for children when they come out of school at the end of the school day.

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that the wording on the road sign at the top of the High Street would be amended to read 'No vehicles 10:00am to 4:30pm except for access 4:30pm to 10:00am'. As road signage is governed by regulation, she said there will be no reference to the days of the week as the times for each day are the same.

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Councillor Hood said she was hoping the Council would support an extension of time to the pedestrianised zone to prevent motor vehicles from accessing the High Street at inappropriate times. She informed the Committee that if successful she would be speaking to the Head of Highways to request proactive enforcement during the first few weeks of the order coming into operation, focussing primarily on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councillor Hood advised the Council that she had met with Councillor Fordham and officers of the County Highways Department to discuss highway issues including inappropriate on street parking in different parts of the town as well as unauthorised access into the High Street.

The Traffic & Network Manager had provided her with statistics collected over a three-week period detailing the number of visits made by highways officers to Stone (total 45), their observations of inappropriate use of the highway (total 111) and parking notices issued (total 21).

Councillor Hood appealed to Town Councillors to support the High Street consultation by expressing their views and conveying its detail to members of the public and High Street traders.

County Councillor I. Parry

Councillor Parry was not in attendance at the meeting.

GP25/005 To receive the report of Borough Councillors

The Chairman invited Borough Councillors to address the Committee but there was no report on this occasion.

GP25/006 Representations from Members of the Public

None

GP25/007 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 2 April 2024 (Minute Numbers GP24/187 – GP24/203), be approved as a correct record.

GP25/008 Minutes of Sub-Committees

There were no sub-committee minutes.

GP25/009 Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee considered the terms of reference for the Council's Sub-Committees, Steering Groups and Working Groups, a copy of which had been attached to the electronic version of the agenda for the meeting.

The Town Clerk advised the Council that changes had been made to remove reference to the Management Sub-committee, to clarify the reporting of minutes,

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quoracy rules and the position of ex-officio members, and the status of Mayor's Sub-Committee decisions.

RESOLVED: That the Terms of Reference for the Council's Sub-Committees, Steering Groups and Working Groups be accepted with the addition of a requirement to appoint a co-ordinator when new working groups were set up in the future, whose role was to convene the meetings and give reports to the parent (sub-)committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee appoints working group co-ordinators to the existing working groups, at a future meeting.

GP25/010 Appointment of Members, Chairmen and Vice Chairmen to the following Sub-Committees:

RESOLVED: To appoint the following Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Members to the Sub Committees for the municipal year 2024-25:

Tourism & Town Promotion

Chairman: Councillor J. Hood

Vice Chairman: Councillor A. Mottershead

Members: Councillors: A. Best, A. Burgess, J. Davies, L. Davies, K. Dawson,

B. Kenney and J. Powell Co-opted Member: J. Cook

Environment

Chairman: Councillor R. Townsend Vice Chairman: Councillor T. Kelt

Members: Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Burgess, B. Kenney, J. Metters, J. Powell,

N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Estates

Chairman: Councillor A. Best Vice Chairman: Councillor J. Powell

Members: Councillors: J. Battrick, L. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, A. Mottershead,

N. Powell and C. Thornicroft

Mayor's Charity

Chairman: Councillor P. Leason Vice Chairman: Councillor J. Metters

Members: Councillors: J. Davies, L. Davies, I. Fordham, T. Kelt, R. Kenney,

R. Townsend and J. Powell

In addition, the Town Mayor and the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee are ex-officio members of all committees and sub-committees where they are not members in their own right, as set out in Standing Orders.

GP25/011 Appointment to Steering/Working Group

RESOLVED: To make the following appointments to Town Council Steering and Working Groups for the municipal year 2024-25:

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

No appointments were made to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

Councillor Members: R. Keney (Chairman), P. Leason (Vice Chairman), J. Davies and J. Hood

Co-opted Members: S. Nuttall, S. Booth, T. Cockin and H. Frost

Engagement with Young People

Members: Councillors: J. Battrick, A. Best, K. Dawson and J. Metters and J. Powell

GP25/012 Appointment to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: To make the following appointments of Council representatives on outside bodies:

Stone ATC (Town Mayor plus 1 member)

Councillors: P. Leason and J. Davies

Age Concern Stone & District (2 members)

Councillors: J. Davies and C. Thornicroft

Stafford & Stone Access Group (1 member)

Councillor T. Kelt

Trustees of the Town Hall Charity (all members)

All Councillors

Stone Community Hub Group (3 members)

Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Hood and J. Powell

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group (1 member)

Councillor J. Davies

NOTE: Current membership of the following bodies will continue until the stated dates, or until retirement by an individual member, even if the members cease to be members of the Council

Stone Common Plot Trustees (5 Members for a four-year term)

Currently Councillor C. Thornicroft (term runs to May 2026) and Councillors: A. Burgess, J. Hood, T. Kelt and R. Townsend (terms run to May 2027)

Richard Vernon Trust (3 members for a four-year term)

Currently Councillors: J. Davies, P. Leason and J. Powell (all members' terms run to May 2027)

SPCA Executive Committee (1 member for a two-year term)

Currently Councillor: T. Kelt (to December 2025)

Stone Traders Group Directors' Meeting (Councillors attend on a rotating basis)

Councillors: A. Burgess, I. Fordham, J. Hood and T. Kelt

West Midlands Railway and other rail matters

Councillor T. Kelt

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GP25/013 80th Anniversary of D-Day

The Committee considered the report* of the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee's 80th Anniversary of D-Day Working Group which had been distributed with the agenda for the meeting.

The General Purposes Committee had been asked to consider the report of the working group directly, rather than through the recommendations of the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee, as the Sub-committee was not scheduled to meet until after the commemoration had taken place.

The Chairman invited Councillor Davies to address the Committee.

Councillor Davies outlined the Working Group's considerations and recommendations for marking the D-Day 80 Commemoration in Stone, in accordance with the content of the report.

He informed the Committee that the Working Group believed the recommended programme of a flag raising service on 6 June, a beacon lighting, if possible, (which Councillor Leason was looking into) and a short service at the flagpole on 9 June (to mark the anniversary of the first of the men in Stone who died), were appropriate ways of marking the anniversary in the town given that a large D-Day 80 commemoration was in the planning by Stafford Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

- That a flag raising ceremony takes place at the flagpole in Stone High Street on 6 June at 11:00 with a short service delivered by Rev Paul Kingman. The flag will continue flying until 10 June.
- 2. That, if possible, a beacon lighting will take place in Stone on the evening of 6 June 2024.
- 3. That a commemoration event will take place at the High Street flagpole on 9 June at 13:00 (with similar arrangements to the Texas flag raisings).

GP25/014 Heritage Centre

The Committee considered an update on Stone Heritage Centre.

The Town Clerk informed the Committee that digital networking and CCTV were now installed, and the installation of Broadband was in progress after an initial delay caused by the requirement for a postal address (an official listing in the Post Office database) before an order could be placed.

He said that artifacts could not be brought on the premises for cataloguing until the CCTV system was fully active and footage accessible.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that the first event at the Heritage Centre would be taking place on 10 June when the Stafford Photographic Society will be using the Heritage Centre as the venue for their photographic exhibition. In preparation for this day the Deputy Town Clerk had been arranging the health and safety provisions so that members of the public can legally be accepted into the building.

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Councillor Leason advised the Committee that he and the Heritage Centre Manager had visited the County Museum Store in Stafford and produced a list of items that may be loaned to the heritage centre by Staffordshire County Council.

GP25/015 Staffordshire County Council Consultation

The Committee considered a Staffordshire County Council consultation on a proposal to extend the 'no vehicles' restriction in the High Street to 4.30pm.

An email from the County Engineer had been attached to the agenda for the meeting. Due to Copyright restrictions the drawing referred to in the email had been sent separately to Councillors.

The Chairman invited Councillor Hood to address the Committee.

Councillor Hood asked the Committee for suggestions on how the Town Council was going to contribute to stopping vehicles travelling down the High Street, expressing the view that new signage would not on its own have the desired effect. She said she was hoping that raising the profile of the issue on social media and in newspaper articles generally would make people recognise that unless they are traders loading or unloading, they should not be driving down the High Street.

The Committee discussed how stopping unauthorised vehicular access into the High Street might be better achieved and suggested lockable gates and/or Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) would be more effective than the current system.

The Committee acknowledged that the biggest issues occurred between 4:30pm and 10:00am when the High Street was frequently used as a car park and a collection point for takeaways. The Police had previously advised Councillors that the collection of takeaways was not a legitimate use of the High Street.

The Committee agreed that enforcement action should be applied to cyclists and scooter riders who often travel at dangerously fast speeds.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports the County Council's proposal to extend the pedestrianised zone in the High Street from 10:00am to 4:30pm daily and the installation of new signage.

RESOLVED: That the County Council is asked to consider the following actions to manage the inappropriate use of the High Street:

- 1. To arrange regular enforcement visits.
- 2. Enforcement should include speeding cyclists and scooter riders.
- 3. Installation of a more effective barrier/gate or traffic management control system, preferably Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council enlist the Police and Fire Commissioner's support in addressing inappropriate use of the High Street.

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GP25/016 Town Council Payments

RESOLVED: To note the list* of Town Council payments made during the period 1 March to 30 April 2024.

GP25/017 Update from Working Groups:

Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group

It was confirmed that the Stone Heritage Centre Steering Group had not met.

Engagement with Young People

Councillor Dawson advised the Committee that although the Working Group had not met, she had contacted a staff member from St Dominic's Primary School about the planning arrangements for the engagement with young people in Town Council business.

50th Anniversary of Stone Town Council

Councillor Davies informed the Committee that it had become evident that a lot of what the working group were considering was historically aligned with the purpose and work of the Heritage Centre and therefore did not require separate arrangements for an event marking the 50th Anniversary of the Town Council.

He suggested leaving the story of Stone Town Council's creation (from Stone Urban District Council and associated Stone Rural District Council) to the Heritage Centre Manager who will incorporate its history into future displays.

The Committee agreed that the working group be closed.

GP25/018 To receive reports from Town Councillors on attendance at meetings of local organisations and outside bodies as a representative of the Town Council

Stone Area Parish Liaison Group

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that a meeting of the Liaison Group had been arranged to take place on Wednesday 29 May 2024 at the Frank Jordan Centre at 3pm where the Development Manager would be in attendance to talk about planning enforcement. He extended the invitation to all Town Councillors who were welcome to attend.

Stone ATC

Councillor Davies advised the Committee that he had attended the last Civilian Welfare Committee Meeting which showed the Squadron to be in very good health with good numbers of cadets and lots of plans for the upcoming year. The next meeting will be the AGM on 11 June 2024.

Age Concern Stone & District

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

Stafford & Stone Access Group

Councillor Kelt was not available to give a report.

Stone Common Plot Trustees

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that he had attended a meeting of the Common Plot Trustees, and the AGM, both on Wednesday 15 May 2024. The Treasurer reported that it had been a quiet year with a small surplus on

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expenditure and a reasonable level of reserves to cover future exceptional costs such as repairs and replacements of machinery.

The Chairman had reported that the trustees had put some suggestions to Stafford Borough Council in respect of use of the play plot (opposite Christ Church School) and were waiting for a response.

Requests continue to be made to trustees for the scattering of ashes on the Plot which were being treated sympathetically. The illegal removal of wood was continuing, and the incidents reported to the Police. Repairs to the lower wooden path had been delayed due to bad weather.

Councillor Thornicroft advised the Committee that the Town Mayor, Councillor Leason, had taken the chair for the re-election of the trustees. The Mayor thanked the Trustees for maintaining a wonderful asset in the town.

All trustees nominated were re-elected.

Stone Community Hub Liaison Group

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that no meeting of the Liaison Group had taken place.

SPCA Executive Committee

Councillor Kelt was not available to provide a report.

Stone Traders Group Directors' Meeting

Councillor Hood advised the Committee that no meeting had taken place.

West Midlands Railway and other rail matters

Councillor Kelt was not available to provide a report.

The meeting was temporarily suspended and then reconvened after the Planning Consultative Committee meeting had taken place.

GP25/019 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next items of business.

GP25/020 Confidential Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on 2 April 2024, Minute Numbers GP24/187, GP24/202 and GP24/203 be approved.

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GP25/021 Insurance Renewal

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk* exploring the renewal of the Council's insurance arrangements beyond 31 May 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

- a. Accepts the offer of a three-year agreement with Zurich from 1 June 2024 at the price stated in the report, updated by the appropriate index-linking percentages and changes to the insurance schedule in future years.
- b. Authorises the Town Clerk to obtain insurance valuations for the Council's three main operational buildings, and to review the need for any future updates to the value of Council assets.
- c. Approves a virement from the Council's inflation contingency to meet the additional costs set out in this report.
- d. Agrees to change the public sector contracts regulations figures in Standing Orders and Financial Regulations from £25,000 to £30,000, and consequently agrees to take the change into account when letting the Insurance contract.

GP25/022 Staffing Matters

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk* (which had been enclosed with the agenda for the meeting) relating to a staffing matter.

RESOLVED: That the Committee authorises the Town Clerk to action the recommendations in the report.

CHAIRMAN

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Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation: Christ Church C of E First School PTF	FA .	
Purpose of organisation:		
To advance the education of the pupils in the school in particular by:		
Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school.		
Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school that enhance the children's educational experience and support their mental and physical wellbeing		
Supporting the Schools commitment to pastoral care to en	sure that all pupils are safe, well and happy	
Amount of grant requested: £500	Total cost of project (if appropriate): £631	

Reason for grant request:

The PTFA works with the school to support students through the provision of events, facilities and equipment to support education and pastoral support.

Wellbeing and children's mental health is extremely important to us. The school has a trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) for pupils who feel they need somebody to talk to about things that may be troubling them. The ELSA is qualified to deliver a range of support and can also offer drawing and talking therapy and they operate from the schools Happiness Hub, a small wooden building on the playground, which offers a quiet space away from the class room environment.

Temperature control is a challenge in this building, it is very warm in the Summer and very cold in the winter, which is not helpful in providing a comfortable environment for the children to get the maximum benefits from using the space.

We request the grant to cover the majority of the costs to fully insulate the building, to mitigate the temperature control issues.

Here is a breakdown of project costs -

2x shed insulation kits £168 15 x plywood panels (5mm) £ 355 Breathable membrane £ 80 Flooring mats £28

Benefits to Stone residents:

There are 146 pupils in the school who could access this building in comfort should they need it if it can be insulated.
17% of the school's pupils have Special Educational Needs and the use of this building may be particularly valuable for these children
Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):
None at the moment but the PTFA are regularly looking through current funding opportunities to support its work
In this confirmally account (see a see 2) If an allow contains the Council about the contains a
Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:
No
Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:
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PTFA P&L				starting balance	£6,986.33
Hanley building societey Outgoing	06/06/2023				Balance
iPads	£5,767.01				-£5,767.01
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School Disco	26/10/2023	Incoming			
Outgoing B&M drinks	£12.00	Incoming	£261.00		Balance
Sweets	£9.50	parent pay	1201.00		£249.00
Rusty	?				
Outgoing Deposit	-£200.00				
Vet fees	-£239.88				Balance
Training	-£180.00				-£619.88
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Morrisons Bag Pack	18/11/2023				B 1
Outgoing NA	0	Incoming Money Raised	549.14	1	Balance £549.14
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Christmas Fair	12/08/2003				
Outgoing		Incoming			
Aldi Drinks	£60.23	Tombolar	£123.00		
B&M cakes Lidl Cream Hot chocolate	£8.49 £9.97	Santa	£50.00 £120.50		
Shein Lights	£11.52	Light stall BBQ	£135.00		
Shein Cups	£7.36	Hot Chocolate	£157.00		
	£97.57	Beer & Cakes	£84.00		
		Human Fruit Machine	£30.50		
		Lucky Dip	£50.00		Dalamas
		Pet Stall	£20.00 £770.00		Balance £672.43
			2776.00		20,21.10
School Disco	02/08/2023				
Outgoing		Incoming			
speakers	£125.00	parent pay	£261.00		- 1
Sweets drinks	£15.54 £20.00				Balance £100.46
utiliks	120.00				1100.40
Mothers day sale	03/08/2023				
Outgoing		Incoming			Balance
donatnated gifts			£158.50		£158.50
Chocolate Bingo	26/04/2024				
Outgoing	20/04/2024	Incoming			Balance
donatnated chocolate		incoming	£296.00		£296.00
					2230.00
Fathersday sale	26/04/2024				
Outgoing	£40.59	Incoming	£65.40		Balance
donatnated gifts					£24.81
Chocolate Bingo				Current Balance	£3,322.21
2200					

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Pension Reinvention

Purpose of organisation:

Pension Reinvention aims to transform the conversation around finance for people of all ages. We provide accessible financial education and support through various initiatives, including drop-in clinics, engaging talks, and interactive workshops. Our mission is to foster a financially literate community by offering resources that cater to both children and adults, ensuring they understand finance in a fun and engaging manner. Our programs include publishing educational books for primary school children to start their financial journey early.

Amount of grant requested: Total cost of project (if appropriate):
£1,500
£3,000

Reason for grant request:

Pension Reinvention seeks the grant to fund the expansion of our financial literacy programs within the Stone community.

Specifically, we aim to:

Launch additional drop-in clinics offering free financial advice.

Organise interactive workshops and talks for both children and adults.

Distribute our educational books to primary schools in Stone, promoting early financial education.

These initiatives are designed to equip Stone residents with essential financial skills, ultimately fostering a more financially secure and informed community.

Benefits to Stone residents:
The grant will directly benefit Stone residents by: Providing free access to financial advice through our drop-in clinics. Educating both children and adults on essential financial concepts through engaging workshops. Enhancing financial literacy from a young age by distributing educational books in local primary schools. These programs will help residents make informed financial decisions, reduce financial stress, and contribute to the overall economic well-being of the Stone community.
Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):
Local Business Sponsorship (Evergreen Financial Planning): £500
Is this an "expentional" request (see notes)? If so please explain why the Council should treat it as an expention.
Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception: This request could be considered exceptional due to the critical need for financial literacy in the current economic climate. The ongoing cost-of-living crisis has highlighted the importance of financial education. By supporting Pension Reinvention, the Council would be addressing a pressing issue and providing timely support to residents in need of financial guidance and education.
Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:
N/A – Pension Reinvention has not received any previous grants from the Council.
Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):
N/A

Registration number: 14689085

Pension Reinvention Ltd

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Period from 26 February 2023 to 28 February 2024

M Ball & Co Limited The Hemington Millhouse Business Centre Station Road Castle Donington Derby DE74 2NJ

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Company Information

Directors Bernadette Houlton

Nathan Waldron

Registered office Lymore Villa 162a London Road, Chesterton, Newcastle, England, ST5 7JB

Accountants M Ball & Co Limited

The Hemington

Millhouse Business Centre

Station Road Castle Donington

Derby DE74 2NJ

Directors' Report for the Period from 26 February 2023 to 28 February 2024

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period from 26 February 2023 to 28 February 2024.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with FRS 105 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime.

Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

Bernadette Houlton

Nathan Waldron

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on and signed on its behalf by:
Bernadette Houlton
Director
Nathan Waldron
Director

Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Accounts of Pension Reinvention Ltd for the Period Ended 28 February 2024

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Pension Reinvention Ltd for the period ended 28 February 2024 as set out on pages 4 to 6 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at http://www.icaew.com/regulation.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Pension Reinvention Ltd, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Pension Reinvention Ltd and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Pension Reinvention Ltd, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Pension Reinvention Ltd and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Pension Reinvention Ltd has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and results of Pension Reinvention Ltd. You consider that Pension Reinvention Ltd is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the period.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Pension Reinvention Ltd. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

M Ball & Co Limited
The Hemington
Millhouse Business Centre
Station Road
Castle Donington
Derby
DE74 2NJ

Date:.....

Profit and Loss Account for the Period from 26 February 2023 to 28 February 2024

	2024
	£
Turnover	<u>-</u> _
Profit/(loss) for the period	

(Registration number: 14689085) Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2024

	2024 £
Current assets	100
Capital and reserves	100

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England.

The address of its registered office is:

Lymore Villa 162a London Road, Chesterton, Newcastle, England, ST5 7JB

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 105 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the Micro-entities Regime'.

2 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the period, was 0.

(Registration number: 14689085) Balance Sheet as at 28 February 2024

For the financial period ending 28 February 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and authorised by the Board on and signed on its behalf by:	
Bernadette Houlton	
Director	
Nathan Waldron	
Director	

Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the Period from 26 February 2023 to 28 February 2024

	2024
	£
Turnover (analysed below)	
Operating profit/(loss)	
Profit/(loss) before tax	

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:

Stone Community Speed Watch

Purpose of organisation:

Group objectives

To improve safety of pedestrians and road users in Stone by engaging with motorists to raise awareness of speeding.

To record details of speeders so that the Police can educate offenders.

To record overall data on vehicle numbers and speeders to inform whether further speed reduction measures should be considered.

To facilitate enforcement based on evidence.

To improve the air quality in and around Stone through the reduction of excessive vehicle speed.

Amount of grant requested: Total cost of project (if appropriate): £388.56 £1,138.56

Reason for grant request:

I am writing on behalf of Stone Community Speed Watch who presented to the Town Council in March 2022. The group is passionate about improving road safety in Stone and having a positive impact on speeding drivers' behaviour.

The next step is to fall in line with other local settlements by installing CSW signs on every road into Stone to warn drivers that Speed Watch volunteers may be present and that speed limits should be adhered to. This will also eliminate the need for the CSW group to display the temporary signs near the zone where the volunteers are operating. If the experience of other CSW groups in the County is replicated, the number of vehicles logged as speeding will increase, producing more warning letters from Staffs Police and causing more drivers to be made aware that they are speeding on our roads. This letter often has a positive effect in itself and changes drivers' behaviour for the better. Several such letters for repeat offenders will result in a serious legal sanction. In our opinion, being without the temporary signs gives the volunteers a clearer indication of drivers' normal habits in the 30mph zone.

The group has purchased the signs for the twelve entry roads into Stone from Staffordshire Police using some of the funds provided by Stone Town Council in a previous application. A County Highways-approved contractor has been sourced and has provided a quote of £75 per sign to be erected on the 30mph signs on these roads. The grant requested is the balance needed to erect all the signs.

From January 2023 to the end of April 2024, the group has made a lot of progress in key areas including:

Completed over 120 roadside sessions, averaging over 8 sessions per month, one of the most active groups of about 90 in the County.

460 volunteer hours which equates to £5262 (@ minimum wage) contribution to our community.

Active Facebook page with over 350 followers and increased awareness and publicity of our activities and results through the local media and Facebook.

Attracted new volunteers and lots of support from residents.

In response to residents' concerns we added two new sites to our list and with regular roadside sessions here the % of speeding drivers has reduced but still unacceptably high.

The overall % of speeders at all sites has reduced from 4.47% in 2023 to 3.74% so far in 2024 so we believe we are having some impact when we are present but still too high at other times.

Logged over 2500 speeding vehicles out of 58,400 passing through our zones while on duty.

Logged vehicle speeds of 72mph on Pirehill Lane, 70mph on Longton Road, 60mph by the refurbished Westbridge Park and 49 mph near St Michael's First School on Lichfield Road.

Direction of travel for all speeding vehicles being noted to aid future placement of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Abusive / reckless drivers and mobile phone users are reported to Staffs Police.

Volunteers from the group are happy to make another presentation to the Town Council if requested.

Benefits to Stone residents:

This initiative would help achieve our group objectives as listed in the first section of this proforma. Volunteers receive many complaints about speeding vehicles from residents when we are on duty and supportive comments from them in person amd also through social media. We all believe that speeding vehicles is a major local issue. In response to such comments, in June last year the group added Longton Road and Eccleshall Road (near Udall Grange) to their list of Police-approved sites and after some shocking early results the data shows that the % of speeding drivers is reducing during our sessions but further education of drivers here is much needed as well as continuing to operate at our longer-established sites. The permanent signs have a part to play with this in addition to the roadside sessions with the speed gun to log speeding vehicles for further action by Staffs Police. The signs would be spread around all wards of Stone, benefitting the whole town. Many other local councils in the area have supported these CSW signs and Stone is lacking in comparison to local communities. We can be keen to publicise any support in the local media.

Following another suggestion by a local resident, Staffs Police are about to authorise a further site in Stone for monitoring by the CSW group, this time on the Uttoxeter Road near Little Stoke Cricket Club and the entrance to Aston Lodge Park.

Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known): £250 obtained from Stone Rotary Club.

Our application to the Staffordshire Community Fund did not meet the criteria and on their advice we have also contacted our local County Councillor to seek funds from the Divisional Highway Programme (DHP) without success.

An application to the Stone Festival Committee in 2023 was unsuccessful as were applications to the Stafford Borough Small Grants and Stone Lions.

Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception: No

Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:

£500 awarded in the last two years by Stone Town Council. £238.56 of this has been used to buy the 12 signs @£19.88 each. The remaining £261.44 will be put towards the cost of fitting the signs.

The money already awarded by the Town Council and spent is in effect wasted money without the full amount needed to fix the signs.

Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation:	
Purpose of organisation:	
Amount of grant requested:	Total cost of project (if appropriate):
Amount of grant requested.	Total cost of project (if appropriate).
Reason for grant request:	

Benefits to Stone residents:
Other sources of funding secured or being explored (with amounts where known):
Is this an "exceptional" request (see notes)? If so, please explain why the Council should treat it as an exception:
Grants awarded by the Council in the last two years, and the uses made of the funding:
Statement of support from Council appointed representative (if applicable):

FINANCIAL STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF GRANT AID APPLICATION

Stone Scout and Guide Band Financial Statement 2022/2023

	Expenditure	Income	
*	E	£	
Cash at Bank as at 31 st March 2022		1455.25	
Transactions			
Ea syfund raising		42.60	
Stone Town Council [event]		100.00	
Stone Town Council (grant)		500.000	
Stone Town Council (cîvic parade)		200.00	
Cheadle Carniyal		150.00	
Donation		20.00	
Homes P(ys (grant)		\$00.00	
Bradwell Carnival		200.00	
Donation for Instruments		1000.00	
Stone Festival		50.00	
Donation		50.00	
Stone Town Council (Remembrance Parade)		100.00	
	774.03		
Instrument Insurance	336,93		
AGM buffet	51.60		
Kerry Dawson	Donations 184.74 Expenditure 585.38 net 400.64		
Stone & Eccleshall HQ	30.00		
TOTAL	829.17	2912,66	
C/A Balance as at 31 st March 2023	3538.74		
	4367.91	4367.91	

I confish that this financial statement is an accurate representation of the Stone Scout and Guide Bond exceeds as at 31 March 2023 taken from the records and explanations given to me.

Application for Grant Aid



Name of organisation: Diamond Families				
Purpose of organisation: Working with children and their families to provide alternative education and therapy in an outdoor animal based environment.				
Amount of grant requested: £500	Total cost of project (if appropriate):			
Reason for grant request: We're currently teaching the children working come from sustainability and recycling by creating will involve the children creating the allower currently work on. We are requesting the grant in order for us to	eating an allotment area.			

Income Statement

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	100,997	123,173
Cost of sales	(20,259)	(14,187)
Gross profit	80,738	108,986
Administrative expenses	(115,894)	(117,015)
Other operating income	21,136	6,807
Operating loss	(14,020)	(1,222)
Other interest receivable and similar income	-	2
Interest payable and similar expenses	(44)	(17)
Loss before tax	(14,064)	(1,237)
Tax on loss	(414)	360
Loss for the financial year	(14,478)	(877)

The company has no other recognised items of income or expense other than the results for the year as set out above.

Statement of Financial Position 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	10,985	8,805
Current assets			
Debtors	6	12,611	19,123
Cash at bank and in hand		-	9,618
	_	12,611	28,741
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(21,106)	(20,992)
Net current (liabilities)/assets	_	(8,495)	7,749
Total assets less current liabilities	_	2,490	16,554
Provisions for liabilities	_	(2,087)	(1,673)
Net assets	_	403	14,881
Capital and reserves	-		
Called up share capital		1	1
Profit and loss account	_	402	14,880
Shareholders funds		403	14,881
	-		

For the year ending 31 March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Statement of Financial Position (continued)

31 March 2023

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 27 March 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Emma Louise Shutt

Director

Company registration number: 08749758

Detailed Income Statement Year ended 31 March 2023

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Sales	2023 £ 100,997	2022 £ 123,173
COST OF SALES		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Purchases	20,259	14,187
Gross profit	80,738	108,986
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	65,229	73,451
Defined contribution pension costs	602	741
Other staff costs	366	-
Directors remuneration	4,500	5,500
Training costs	1,688	1,730
Rent	11,350	9,600
Rates	-	1,440
Light, heating and power	-	(130)
Travelling	1,318	2,329
Staff entertainment	145	214
Client entertainment	-	285
Advertising	-	80
Printing, postage and stationery	706	189
Telephone	5,567	4,876

Detailed Income Statement (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2023

Computer costs	1,878	1,318
Accountancy fees	3,208	1,266
Professional fees	3,442	3,859
General insurance	1,755	2,499
Repairs and maintenance	7,006	2,330
Cleaning	156	475
Bank charges	1,170	611
Depreciation of tangible assets	6,857	6,224
Bad debts	(1,848)	(2,660)
Subscriptions	713	494
Sundry expenses	86	294
	115,894	117,015
OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Government grant recognised directly in income	10,282	6,807
Other operating income	10,854	-
	21,136	6,807
Operating loss	(14,020)	(1,222)
OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Other interest receivable	-	2

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Stone Town Council - Payments

The table below lists payments made by the Council in the period identified, for the Committee's information.

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The table includes payments by cheque, direct debit, PayPal, payment card, telephone banking and online banking. It excludes salary and related payments, payments from the Mayor's Charity, and transfers between the Council's bank accounts. All amounts exclude VAT.

Payment Date From: 01/05/2024 Payment Date To: 31/05/2024

Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
01/05/2024	SINV065387	Worknest	H&S Insurance Fee 2024/25	2,694.63
01/05/2024	004/2024	Stone Retinue	St Georges Event - Fighting Knights	800.00
01/05/2024	197064	Prism Solutions	Leased Line Rental April	52.90
01/05/2024	197064	Prism Solutions	Leased Line Rental - April	53.90
01/05/2024	29775	Jim Davies	Mayor Entertaining RAF Tactical Support	88.58
01/05/2024	11427	CAM-TEC LTD	GRANT HC - Install CCTV at the Heritage Centre	5,354.00
07/05/2024	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	Temporary Events Licence	21.00
08/05/2024	V02221525600	EE	EE mobiles - 29 Apr to 28 May	14.80
08/05/2024	V02221525600	EE	EE mobiles - 29 Apr to 28 May	14.80
09/05/2024	160122187	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning April 24	25.00
09/05/2024	160122187	JB Window Cleaner	Window Cleaning April 24	65.00
10/05/2024	7492278	British Gas	Elec Usage - Feeder Pillar 1, 30 High Street 21.03 to	13.02
10/05/2024	SINV065586	Worknest	H&S Insurance and Admin fee 2024/25	24.50
10/05/2024	CD-243167343	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental Jan- Mar	62.88
10/05/2024	CD-243189175	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental - Apr 24	20.96
10/05/2024	SINV065586	Worknest	H&S Insurance and Admin fee 2024/25	55.00
10/05/2024	4506	BEA Fire Safety Ltd	Fire Risk Assessment 26.04.2024	225.00
10/05/2024	SIN2701499	PPL PRS Music Rights	PPL PRS Music Licensing 2024/25	2,344.48

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Stone Town Council - Payments

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Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	<u>Description</u>	Amount (£)
10/05/2024	4506	BEA Fire Safety Ltd	Fire Risk Assessment 26.04.2024	225.00
10/05/2024	4506	BEA Fire Safety Ltd	HC - Fire Risk Assessment 26.04.2024	225.00
10/05/2024	4506	BEA Fire Safety Ltd	Fire Risk Assessment 26.04.2024	225.00
13/05/2024	04147-37101589	Canva	Canva Software Subscription 2024/25	99.99
14/05/2024	444008-028	Virgin Media Business	Telephone Rental & Calls - 22/04- 21/05/24	88.00
16/05/2024	713402024569374	Pozitive Energy	FJC Gas Usage - 01/04 to 30/04/24	438.70
16/05/2024	INV18845245	Sage UK Ltd	SAGE 50 Accounts Annual Licence 24/25	1,482.00
16/05/2024	713412024569374	Pozitive Energy	SSTN Gas Usage 01/04 to 30/04/24	489.91
17/05/2024	201615202456472	Pozitive Energy	Heritage Centre - Gas 01 Apr to 30 Apr	130.05
17/05/2024	4522	BEA Fire Safety Ltd	6 fire extinguishers, 3 stands and 1 fire blanket for the He	484.00
17/05/2024	71509	Champions (UK) Plc	Music Event 31/08/24 - Real Magic Queen	1,000.00
17/05/2024	713382024568952	Pozitive Energy	FJC Elec usage - 1 Apr to 30 Apr	281.99
17/05/2024	713392024568866	Pozitive Energy	SSTN Elec Usage - 01/04 to 30/04/24	483.92
17/05/2024	INV256815337	Zoom Video Comm Inc	ZOOM Subscription May 14 to June 13 2024	25.98
17/05/2024	CD-243243946	Culligan	Water Cooler Rental - May 24	20.96
20/05/2024	INV0896	The Mill at Stone	Deposit for Trafalgar Dinner 19/10/24	166.67
21/05/2024	JFA-SHN-303843-1	Mr David Littlehales	FJC - Valve for Gents urinal	138.01
22/05/2024	wp-INV05626613	Water Plus	STN - Water Usage 5 Apr to 5 May 24	123.93
22/05/2024	15489	All Print Equipment Ltd	Photocopier usage - Apr 24	9.83
22/05/2024	210778	Black Rose Solutions Ltd	Internal Audit Fee 2023/24	291.30
22/05/2024	wp-INV05656512	Water Plus	FJC- Water Usage 5 Apr to 5 May 24	100.48
24/05/2024	743014903/001/05	Virgin Media Business	Broadband Usage - 6 May - 5 June 24	50.00
28/05/2024	197626	Prism Solutions	Prism IT Managed Service - June 24	1,081.59
28/05/2024	SOT1131420	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	SSTN Waste Collection - April 2024	75.85
28/05/2024	SOT1131419	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	FJC - Waste Collection - April 2024	106.72

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Payment Date	Reference	Supplier	Description	Amount (£)
28/05/2024	7652019	British Gas	Heritage Centre Electricity 9 Apr to 9 May	98.59
29/05/2024	4084838	Signs4Less	HC - Safety Signs	60.54
29/05/2024	470	ASLK Plumbing	FJC - repairs to urinal	80.00
29/05/2024	HFBKMJNXD	Rachel Edwards	HC - Safety Signs	17.45
29/05/2024	SI-8100	Origin Studios (SOT) Ltd	Update calendar artwork for 2024	115.00
31/05/2024	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	Market Square Rates May 24	21.00
31/05/2024	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	SSTN - Rates May 24	180.00
31/05/2024	SBC	Stafford Borough Council	FJC - Rates	279.00
31/05/2024	INV-10217	EDG Security Limited	EDG Security	214.00
31/05/2024	533766490	Zurich Municipal	Insurance cover to 31.05.2025	9,759.66
				30,600.57