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**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.30PM ON 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Jarman (Chair), Bamford, Hobbs, Turan, Whistance, Councillor Whyte (Library Committee Chair)

**Absent:** Councillor Armstrong

**Members of the Public:** 0

**Clerk:** K Gibson

**Minute Secretary:** M Gardiner

**Responsible Finance Officer:** T Bloomfield

**Finance Officer:** P Blackley

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Prior to the Council meeting commencing there will be a public forum of up to 15 minutes, if necessary, when there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the Parish Council.

**1. APOLOGIES: NONE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda. **NONE**

**3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

To receive and consider granting any written requests from Members for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests. **NONE**

**4. MINUTES**

To agree the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 ([PAPER A & A1](#)).

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 (SUBJECT TO ADDING CLLR WHISTANCE TO ATTENDEES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING) (CJ/AB)**

## **5. MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

To receive any questions from Members concerning the business of the Parish Council or about a matter affecting the parish but which is not included on the agenda for the meeting or is not otherwise before the Council. **NONE**

## **6. BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

To receive and recommend to Full Council the bank reconciliations for periods ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 ([PAPER B](#))

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND THE BANK RECONCILIATIONS FOR PERIODS ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AND 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 TO FULL COUNCIL (CJ/AB)**

## **7. FIXED ASSET REGISTER**

To review the councils fixed asset register as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and recommend to full council for approval ([PAPER C](#))

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND THE FIXED ASSET REGISTER (AS AT 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 2025) TO FULL COUNCIL (CJ/AB)**

## **8. LIBRARY ROOF WORKS**

To review, agree and recommend to Full Council a budget virement to fund the proposed works on the Library Roof.

Councillor Whyte gave a verbal update on the condition of the library roof to date.

**IT WAS RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND FULL ROOF REPLACEMENT WITH A BUDGET VIREMENT TO FUND THE PROPOSED WORKS TO THE LIBRARY TO FULL COUNCIL (DW/CJ)**

## **9. BUDGET CONSULTATION PLAN**

To discuss and decide a strategy for the public budget consultation plan on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026, including the preparation of the budget questionnaire.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER WILL DRAW UP INFORMATION/GRAPHICS AND BUDGET QUESTIONNAIRE IN PREPARATION FOR THE BUDGET CONSULTATION ON 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 (3PM – 7PM).**

## **10. DRAFT BUDGET 2026/27**

To review the draft budget for 2026/27

**THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER GAVE A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND PRECEPT OPTIONS**

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT OPTIONS ONE AND TWO BE RECOMMENDED TO FULL COUNCIL**

## **11.DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Meeting ends at: 7.30pm**