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MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2026, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER COMMENCING AT 6.30PM.

Present: Councillors: Turan (Chair), Bamford, Betts, Cameron, Cox, Hobbs, Jarman, Pakel, Whistance,

Clerk: M Gardiner

Responsible Finance Officer: T Bloomfield

Finance Officer: P Blackley

Members of the Public: 0

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors: Armstrong, Hinton, Seely and Whyte

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. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

Councillor Cox asked the Responsible Finance Officer to give a brief explanation of how the meeting will be held.

Community Grants

It was proposed that the Parish Council commit to Option 2 – to increase community grants to £40,000 for the 26/27 financial year. (CJ/CP) **AGREED**

In favour: Councillors: Jarman, Cameron, Betts, Pakel, Bamford

Not in favour: Councillors: Cox, Hobbs, Whistance

It was proposed that the Parish Council commit to Option 2 – to fund a shortfall in the skatepark project by increasing the budget for this project to £63,750 for the 26/27 financial year (BC/BH) **AGREED**

Councillors thanked the RFO and the Clerks team for the presentations at the annual meeting and the work done on the budget setting process.

5. 2026-27 BUDGET SETTING

To review the 2026-27 Budget papers and agree the following:

- I. 2026-2027 Council Budget 2026-2027
After a presentation by the RFO, it was proposed by council that the Parish Council commit to budget option 2 (FT/DW) **AGREED**

- II. Freshwater Parish Council Precept demand.
Full Council approved budget option two which had a precept of £574,083 (3%) which will be demanded from Isle of Wight Council. (FT/DW) **AGREED**

Meeting closed at: 7.37PM