



**SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES –
11 AUGUST 2025**

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 11 AUGUST 2025** at 5:00 pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present: Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Mayor), Debbie Andre, Ian Boyd, Liam Cregg, Paddy Lightfoot

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None present.

9-2025/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Tracy Mikich.

10-2025/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
Cllr Andre declared a pecuniary interest in the Carnival Shop.
2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None Received.

11-2025/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr Alex Lightfoot proposed an amendment to minute 7(1)-2025/2026; the resolution should read an alternative solution rather than above ground in the Spring of 2026. A further amendment removing Cllr Boyd from the attendees as he had not been present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 July 2025, was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was:

For (5), Against (0), Abstentions (0).

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2025 be approved with the proposed amendments.

12-2025/26 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for July 2025

Members discussed the costs associated with the incident at the Broadway Centre in February 2025. Reassurance was provided that the costs could be recouped as part of the insurance claims.

A motion to approve the Payments and Receipts presented for July 2025 was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Payments and Receipts for July 2025 be approved.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations through July 2025

The July 2025 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

3. To receive and note the Expenditure against budget through 31 July 2025

The committee were advised a saving had been made against the Beach Litter budget line due to the alternative arrangements being trialled this summer. A long-term solution was also being explored. A saving had also been made in relation to the Beach Safety Service as no inflationary increase. The Expenditure against budget through 31 July 2025 was then noted.

13-2025/26 CONTRACTS SCHEDULE

The Committee considered the confidential paper detailing the Council's contracts. Members discussed various contracts and explored potential areas where savings could be made in the future including where economies of scale could be secured through joint working or bringing works in-house. The new staffing structure would need to be in before any significant changes could be explored.

14-2025/26 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8 September 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None present.

Meeting Finished 17.32