



**SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES
8 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2025** at 6:00 pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

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

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO).

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No members of the public were present.

15-2025/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Ian Boyd.

16-2025/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
Cllr Andre declared an interest in matters pertaining to the Isle of Wight Councillor as ward member and pecuniary interest in the Carnival Shop and Los Altos.
2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None Received.

17-2025/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 11 August 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 unanimously:

RESOLVED:

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

18-2025/26 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

Clarification was provided that Nayax appeared on both the payments and receipts as the contactless payment provider for the toilets. The Service Charge and Processing Fees were debited and any remaining income credited.

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 11 August 2025 be approved.

1. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations through August 2025

The August 2025 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

2. To receive and note the Expenditure against budget through 31 August 2025

The Expenditure against budget through 31 August 2025 was noted.

19-2025/26 NUDGE

The committee considered the recommendation from Derelict Buildings Task Force regarding supporting the establishment of a Community Benefit Society (CBS). The Task Force had received a presentation via Zoom from Nudge, a successful CBS in Plymouth.

Clarification was provided that a CBS operated on a not-for-profit basis to benefit the community as a whole. They are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and are designed to improve local communities by providing advantages such as access to funding. Money was raised from members. CBSs were popular for community ownership of local assets, making them significant for community engagement and development. Board Members each had a single vote regardless of investment.

The initiative would need to be community driven. Should Council be minded to support a local CBS, organising an initial event, heavily publicised would be the first step to see what appetite there was locally. No monies would need to be invested at this stage.

A motion to recommend to Council that they support the establishment of a Community Benefit Society locally was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT a recommendation be made to Council that they support the establishment of a Community Benefit Society in Sandown.

20-2025/26 ZIP WIRE

The initial investigations regarding the replacement of the Zip Wire/Flying Fox had been received and officers were seeking a recommendation from the Committee to Full Council that permission be given for officers to arrange for the installation of a new piece of equipment, with a budget envelope of £25,000 but look to make savings where possible.

A motion to that effect moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT a recommendation be made to Council to authorise officers to replace the Flying Fox/Zip Wire with a budget envelope of up to £25,000.

21-2025/26 BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Committee considered the 2026/2027 Budget Consultation questions, using the 2025/2026 survey as a starting point for the discussion. Members agreed that:

The following questions should be removed from the consultation:

- Question 4: Planning Enforcement (supported for several years).
- Question 8: Sandham Grounds repairs (supported for several years).
- Question 10 and 11: Youth Offer (supported for several years).
- Question 12: Solar Panels (no support previously)
- Question 15: Pier Street Toilets (not a matter for consideration at this time).

The following questions be amended:

- Question 6: Litter and Dog Fouling
- Question 7: Civic Space
- Question 9: Place and Town Improvements (change to reflect new projects)
- Question 13: Events (Remove citizen of the year, add an “other” option with a comment box, allocate £10k for a summer events programme)
- Question 14: Public Toilets (Remove spend and replace with charging question – and implications on precept)

The following questions be added to the consultation:

- Investing in a Community Benefit Society.

The updated survey would be circulated to all members with a reminder that proposed budget items should be brought to the September Council meeting for inclusion in the consultation.

22-2025/26 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 13 October 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Finished 19.13