SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES
8 DECEMBER 2025

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2025** at 7:00 pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present: Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Mayor), Ian Boyd, Liam Cregg and Tracy Mikich.

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

No members of the public were present.

32-2025/26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Debbie Andre and Paddy Lightfoot.

33-2025/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

1. To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
   None received.
2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
   None Received.

37-2025/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 10 November 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 10 November 2025 be approved.

38-2025/26 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

A motion to approve the Payments and Receipts presented for November 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 November 2025 be approved.

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

The November 2025 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

3. To receive and note the Expenditure against budget through 30 November 2025

The Expenditure against budget through 30 November 2025 was noted.

39-2025/26 RISK REGISTER

The Committee Considered the draft Risk Register for 2026, discussing the new matters added including:

- Forward Planning
- Staff Absence (amended to reflect future policy update)
- Dual Hatters

A motion to recommend the presented Risk Register for approval by Full Council was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Finance Committee recommend the presented 2026 Risk Register for approval by Full Council.

40-2025/26 6. 2026-2027 COUNCIL DRAFT BUDGET

Members discussed the draft budget proposals from Full Council and explored where savings could be made. The areas explored as a source of potential savings included:

- Replacement Beach Matting
- Bin provision on the beach (noting that this was pending discussions with the Isle of Wight Council)
- Spreading costs of resurfacing of the Broadway centre car park across two years.
- A programme of placement decorative lighting
- Reducing the mural fund.
- Reducing summer events programme
- Drawing on reserves if an election is required.
- Kerbing at Sandham Grounds
- Carrying forward savings replacing the lighting
- Resurfacing the old tarmacadam MUGA
- Reducing the budgeted monies for refurbishment of the Skate Park.
- Reducing capital provision for the toilets.

The committee also considered the timeline for alternative budgets to be presented; Alternative budgets should be sent to the Clerk/RFO no later than close of business on Monday, 5 January 2026. Meetings with individual councillors to discuss proposed alternative budgets would be held the week commencing 12 January 2026.

41-2025/26 7. DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR GRANTS

Members discussed requesting council delegate authority for grant awards up to £2,000 to the Finance Community, noting that the majority of grants were for smaller amounts of money and funded from existing budget lines such as the place plan. Members also noted that the agenda

would provide prior notification of any grants being considered, that the meetings were held in public and were open to all councillors should a member wish to comment on an application.

A motion was moved and duly seconded, that the Committee request delegated authority to approve grants of up to £2,000. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee request delegated authority to approve grants of up to £2,000

42-2025/26 8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will held on 12 January 2025.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Finished 19:25