



## SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL – FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES 9 FEBRUARY 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2026** at 7:00 pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

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

**Also Present:** Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS:**

No members of the public were present.

### **52-2025/26 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted from Paddy Lightfoot.

### **53-2025/26 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 Council as ward member and a pecuniary interest in anything pertaining to the Carnival Association.

2. To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None Received.

### **57-2025/26 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 26 January 2026, was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was, with abstention, unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2026 be approved as a true record.

### **58-2025/26 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

1. To approve the Payments and Receipts lists as presented for January 2026

A motion to approve the Payments and Receipts presented for January 2026 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 January 2026 be approved.

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

The January 2026 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

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

The Expenditure against budget through 31 January 2026 was noted.

**59-2025/26 CONTRACTS REACHING THE END OF TERM**

The Committee was advised that the waste and beach safety contracts were due to expire:

1. Waste

The contract was a rolling contract which could only be ended on a specific date in April but had now been in place for over 5 years. The estimated value was between £3,000 and £8,000. Three quotes had been sought in line with the Council's financial regulations in addition to costs from the incumbent supplier.

Two supplier, including the local authority, had advised they were unable to service a new contract. The third supplier quoted variable costs but had a minimum of a twice a week collection which was in excess of the councils needs. Overall it was expected the costs would be nearly double that of the incumbent supplier.

There was discussion regarding looking to combine the waste contract with that of the neighbouring church. However, waste regulations prohibited this.

A motion to continue with the incumbent supplier and review costs again in 3 years was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was, with abstention, unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT the roll on the existing waste contract be rolled over and costs reviewed again in 3 years.

2. Lifeguard Provision

The beach safety contract would expire at the end of the 2026. Due to the nature of the service, notice would need to be given due to end November 2026. Due to the value of the contract a tender exercise would need to be undertaken. The Clerk/RFO recommended the procurement be undertaken in late Spring/Early Summer with the tender specification brought to the April Finance Committee Meeting.

A motion to cease the provision of a Beach Safety Service was moved by Cllr Andre but was not seconded.

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

RESOLVED:

THAT a tender exercise to relet the beach safety service contract on a like for like basis be undertaken.

**60-2025/26 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on the 9 March 2026.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

Meeting Finished 19:15.