SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Finance Committee - 21 September 2026

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandown Town Council Finance Committee held on **MONDAY, 21 September 2026** at **6:00** pm at The Broadway Centre, 1 Broadway, Sandown, Isle of Wight PO36 9GG.

Present

Cllrs Alex Lightfoot (Mayor), Liam Cregg, Ian Boyd, Paddy Lightfoot, Tracy Mikich.

Also Present: Jennifer Armstrong (Clerk/RFO)

Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTIONS
No questions were received.

30-2026/27 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Debbie Andre.

31-2026/27 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.

32-2026/27 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 August 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 unanimously:

RESOLVED:
THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2026 be approved as a true record

33-2026/27 MONTHLY ACCOUNTS

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

   Clarification was sought that the monies spent on the Beach Safety Base were for pre-season works and unrelated to the scheduled 5-year maintenance. A motion to approve the Payments and Receipts presented for August 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 August 2026 be approved.

2. To receive and note the verified bank reconciliations through August 2026

   The August 2026 Banking Reconciliations were noted.

3. Expenditure against Budget 31 August 2026

   Members reviewed the current financial position, noting a greater underspend than anticipated. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) reported that this had been analysed and was largely attributable to a number of significant committed expenditure items which had not yet been delivered or charged. The expenditure against budget as at 31 August 2026 was noted.

34-2026/27 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Committee considered the report from the Council's external auditors. No matters had been raised not had any advisories been issued. Thanks to officers was recorded.

A motion to accept and note the report and recommend the same to Council was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

(i) THAT the External Audit Report for 2025/2026 be accepted and noted

(ii) THAT it be recommended Full Council accept and note the External Audit Report for 2025/2026

35-2026/27 BUDGET PROCESS AND CONSULTATION

The proposed 2027/2028 Budget process and consultation approach was reviewed and discussed. Members made no changes to the proposed way forward. The survey was viewed and amended to better reflect the Council's current trajectory. Minor edits to the poster was agreed.

A motion to move forward with the proposed budget process and consultation was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT The proposed budget and consultation process be approved.

36-2026/27 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 19 October 2026.

37-2026/27 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

A motion was moved and duly seconded to exclude the public and press. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements; the results of which were as follows and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED

THAT under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Agenda Item numbers 9 - 11 (Minutes 38 - 40-2026/2027) on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7, and 14 as defined in paragraphs 7, 9 and 10, of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the

circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

38-2026/27 SCORING OF BEACH SAFETY TENDER

A single tender submission had been received for the beach safety service. A scoring exercise to ensure the received proposal was of an acceptable standard was undertaken.

A motion to recommend the award the beach safety tender to Ryde Beach Lifeguards to Council was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

THAT it be recommended to Council to award the beach safety tender to Ryde Beach Lifeguards for a period of three years.

39-2026/27 OCEAN REDEVELOPMENT STRIP HOARDING

Costs for hoarding the Ocean Redevelopment Strip were considered. The committee raised concerns that the quotes received were estimates as the site was not cleared at the time of the site visits. The committee agreed works could not be instructed based on estimates and agreed fixed costs should be sought along with lead times for undertaking the works. The quotes should be provided within seven days for consideration at the Full Council meeting on 28 September 2026. A budget envelope of £20,000 with delegated authority to commission the works would be recommended.

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

RESOLVED:

(i) THAT fixed costs should be sought along with lead times for undertaking the works.

(ii) THAT Council agree a budget envelope of £20,000 and delegate the Clerk and Mayor to instruct the works following consultation with the Finance Committee.

40-2026/27 LIFEGUARD BASE 5 YEAR REMEDIAL WORKS

Members considered the costs of remedial works as part of a planned maintenance programme and to address flooding resulting from lower sand levels and higher tides. A breakdown of the costs was provided for:

- Required 5-Year Maintenance
- Construction of a new Base to accommodate falling sand levels and rising tides
- Replacement of steel shutters with aluminium supported by compressed gas supports, to remove the need for winches and associated install/removal and testing.
- A new power source.

The works, with the exception of the new power source which it was felt could be sourced via a grant or directly by the council, were agreed.

The reserves and budgeted monies for the base were insufficient to cover the full costs with a shortfall of £1,280 to be funded from underspend from the Beach Bins budget line.

A motion to make a recommendation to this effect to Council was moved and duly seconded. Councillors' votes were confirmed verbally to meet accessibility requirements, and it was unanimously:

RESOLVED:

(i) THAT it be recommended to Full Council that the following works be instructed:

- Required 5-Year Maintenance
- Construction of a new Base
- Replacement of steel shutters with aluminium

(ii) THAT the works be funded from the allocated budget and reserves for the Lifeguard Base and £1,280 from the Beach Bins budget.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions received.

Meeting Closed: 19:12