



Beaminster Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Beaminster Town Councils Finance & General Purposes Committee will take place in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 7.00pm.

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Town Clerk
14th October 2025

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 19TH AUGUST 2025**
To **APPROVE** the minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th August 2025 (*attached*)
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**
4. **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS**
To **RESOLVE** payments & receipts for the month of October 2025 (*to be tabled*)
5. **BUDGET MONITORING**
To **NOTE** Actual against Budget at 30th September 2025 (*attached*)
6. **GRANT APPLICATIONS**
To **CONSIDER** grant applications received:
 - (a) **Home-Start Blackmore Vale** – grant requested to recruit and train local volunteers to match with families within the Beaminster area who need support.
Amount requested £1,000
 - (b) **St Marys Academy PTFA** – grant requested towards cost of additional outdoor sport/play equipment and musical instruments.
Amount requested £1,000
 - (c) **Beaminster Preschool** – grant requested towards cost of premises hire for fundraising activity
Amount requested £73
 - (d) **Beaminster Preschool** – grant requested towards cost of purchasing computer equipment (3 x Apple ipad air)
Amount requested £823.50

- (e) **Beaminster Preschool** – grant requested towards the cost to purchase storage shed
Amount requested £1,000

Copies of the applications attached together with the Grants Policy for guidance.

7. COMMUNITY LARDER

The Beaminster Community Larder began as a FareShare supported pop-up at St Mary's School facilitated by Charity Help and Kindness. It consistently service around 35 individuals or families with affordable top-up groceries.

Fareshare announced that all larders will transition to local management, Beaminster Community Larder is preparing to become independently run in partnership with Beaminster Community Fridge with full administrative responsibilities held by the local team.

To facilitate this independence and allow the scheme to continue to support many people across Beaminster, the administration team are seeking Town Councils support and approve the financial merger of the Community Larder and Community Fridge into the existing Fridge bank account.

To **CONSIDER** the request.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To **NOTE** the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 16th December 2025.

9. PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of quotations received.

(a) Pavilion refurbishment

To **CONSIDER** quotations for the refurbishment of the pavilion.

(b) Cemetery Wall

Repairs are needed to the boundary wall alongside Whatley Lane, a quotation has been obtained to **CONSIDER**