

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held in the Cowie Room, Public Hall on Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

861 PRESENT: Cllr R. Gunning (Acting Chairman), Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Gillings, Cllr S. Gunning, Cllr Ginder and Cllr Wallbridge; also Sara Cradock (Town Clerk).

862 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Apologies received from Cllr Acton and Cllr Anderton.

863 ELECTION OF CHAIR
No nominations were received for the office of Chairman.
RESOLVED that Cllr Richard Gunning act as Chairman until a Chairman was elected.

864 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
Cllr S. Gunning was nominated by Cllr Gillings and seconded by Cllr Wallbridge. There being no further nominations, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr S. Gunning be elected Vice-Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the municipal year 2026/27.

865 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2026
The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st April 2026 having been circulated were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

866 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION
No declarations of interest or requests for dispensations were received.

867 PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS
Members were tabled with details of the payments 20th May 2026 to 23rd June 2026 including direct debits, credit card payments and bank payments totalling £44,252.38 together with receipts received in the sum of £5,303.30 a copy of which was **attached**. Members **RESOLVED** adoption and payment as presented.

No questions or comments were received.

868 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENTS 2026/2027
The Town Clerk advised that further work was required before the Risk Management Policy and Risk Assessments could be adopted.

RESOLVED to defer consideration until the revised documents were available.

869 STAFF FIRST AID TRAINING
The Town Clerk proposed that Council staff be offered the opportunity to complete a one-day Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW) course. Whitehorse Training had been contacted and were willing to come to Beaminster to provide the training at a cost of £416.67 for 8 delegates, with additional delegates charged at £50. **RESOLVED** that the training be offered to Town Council staff and CB3 volunteers.

870 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To **NOTE** the date of the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 18th August 2026.

PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

Members **RESOLVED** that public and press be now excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the following items 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) ENERGY CONTRACT RENEWAL

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain additional quotations, including non-green energy tariffs, before a decision was made.

(b) REPAIR CAFÉ - REQUEST FOR SUPPORT WITH VENUE HIRE COSTS

RESOLVED that the Repair Café be permitted to use either the Public Hall or the Pavilion free of charge for up to three events per year, subject to the arrangement being reviewed after 12 months.

(c) PAVING QUOTES AT THE PAVILION

RESOLVED to obtain further quotations before proceeding with the works.

871 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman
18th August 2026