



# Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

## FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Monday 13 October 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall**

Present: Councillors J Bright, R Farooki (from 19.17), M Garner, C Kemp, E Orhan & G Rusiecki (chairman)

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

In attendance: Cllr Leys

### **216. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies with reason were accepted from Cllr Roberts.

### **217. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **218. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 July 2025.

**RESOLVED: that the minutes be approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.**

### **219. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

Min. 203. The Town Clerk asked for clarity about acceptance of grant applications in excess of £5000. It was agreed these can go straight to a Full Council meeting if it occurs earlier than the next F&GP meeting.

### **220. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S**

None

### **221. GRANTS**

i) Members received an update on the applications received this year to date.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

ii) Members received and considered a new application from Thanet Wanderers.

**RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 be awarded to provide an outreach programme in local schools.**

iii) Members received and considered a new application from Thanet Disabled Riding Centre.

**RESOLVED: That a grant of £3000 be awarded to assist with the provision of riding sessions for SEND children.**

**222. BUDGET 2025-26**

Members reviewed a summary of Council income and expenditure for the first half of 2025-26. There were no areas of concern.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

**223. BUDGET 2026-27**

i) Members received a report from the Town Clerk (RFO) and noted that it did not appear any major changes to the structure and format of the budget would be necessary for the next financial year.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

ii) Members received the reserves balance and considered the need to top up existing or create new reserves.

**RESOLVED: This can be discussed by the budget working group to be discussed at point iv)**

iii) Members received two NALC reports on precept and council tax levels nationwide for 2025-26 which highlighted the fact that the Band D tax for BSPTC (£84.51) was considerable lower than the national average (£91.22)

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.**

iv) Members appointed a working group to work through the budget in preparation for scrutiny by the whole committee at the budget meeting of 8 December 2025.

**RESOLVED: That the members of the working group will be Cllrs J Bright, S Roberts and G Rusiecki.**

**224. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME**

i) Members received responses from KCC to the questions posed at the last meeting under minute 209.

**RESOLVED: members agreed to note.**

ii) Members received information from KCC regarding the draft Funding Strategy Statement and considered responding to the consultation.

**RESOLVED: Members agreed to note and do not wish to respond to the consultation.**

**225. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Members considered appointing an eighth member to the committee.

**RECOMMENDATION: that Cllr Leys be appointed to the committee.**

**226. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** - Monday 8 December 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

**Meeting closed at 19.27.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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