



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 20 July 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Councillors Garner, Kemp, Leys, Orhan & Rusiecki
Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

243. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2026-27 CIVIC YEAR

RESOLVED:

- i) That Cllr Rusiecki be appointed chairman of the committee for 2026-27
- ii) That Cllr Leys be appointed vice-chairman of the committee for 2026-27

244. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were accepted from Cllrs Bright, Farooki and Jacobs.

245. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

246. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members received and considered the document.

RESOLVED: That the document is fit for purpose and can be adopted by the Council.

247. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 April 2026.

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

248. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S

None

249. GRANTS

- i) Members received an update on grants already allocated.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

- ii) Members received a request for funding from Broadstairs Town Team

RESOLVED: that a grant of £1555 is awarded for the construction of a water on the library bank.

iii) Members received a request from EKKC to amend the conditions of their grant.

RESOLVED: That the group may receive the full £7000 if all the young people identified as beneficiaries live in Broadstairs or half the amount if they do not live in Broadstairs but have demonstrable strong links to the community. In this second instance, the group is encouraged to apply for funding from other town and parish councils to make up the shortfall.

250. BUDGET

i) Members reviewed a summary of Council income and expenditure for the first quarter of 2026-27 by cost code. Members noted that several budget lines were more than one quarter spent. The Clerk had prepared explanations as follows:

17	Training and subs	Annual subscriptions paid in April
104	Container	Overspend due to installation of second container
35	Christmas lights	Overspend as discussed at Events, Leisure and Tourism Committee due to necessary repairs
37	Flagpole	Lighting conductor and flagpole need annual inspection. Budget to be increased for 2027-28
53	Beach security	Over 57% through budget
609	Fire alarms	Budgeted for inspections not remedial works. Budget to be increased for 2027-28
57	Annual maintenance schedule	Two payments assigned to wrong codes. Amendment made and cost back within budget.
64	Licence	KCC licence due every three years: omitted from budget. Next due 2029

RESOLVED: Members require a mid-term review of the beach security contract in order to analyse projected and actual expenditure.

251. RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT REVIEW

Members received the document and noted the amendments as per financial regulation 2.2.

RECOMMENDATION: That the document be approved by Council.

252. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

Members received the updated governance document and considered recommending it to Council as per Financial Regulation 2.4.

RECOMMENDATION: that the document be approved by Council.

253. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATMENT

Members received the updated governance document and considered recommending it to Council as per Financial Regulation 2.4.

RECOMMENDATION: that the document be approved by Council.

254. INDEPENDENT INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members received a quote for the works and confirmed the appointment of the I.I.A. for 2026-27

RESOLVED: That David Buckett be appointed IIA for the 2027-28 financial year at a cost of £1572.60 to include travel expenses.

255. PREFERRED CONTRACTORS POLICY REVIEW

i) Members received the document and considered whether it is still fit for purpose.

RESOLVED: That the policy is fit for purpose and can be adopted.

ii) Members received the list of preferred contractors, considered whether it can be accepted and noted any conflicts of interest.

RESOLVED: That the list can be presented to Council and any conflicts of interest noted.

256. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Monday 19 October 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 19.37.

Signed _____

Date_____