



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 19 October 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Councillors Farooki, Garner, Kemp, Jacobs, Leys, Orhan & Rusiecki

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

257. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were accepted from Cllr J Bright.

258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

259. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 July 2026.

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

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

A member of the public attended to ask questions about the acquisition of Pierremont Park. The chairman explained that very little was known at present but that after a discussion due to take place in private session later in the meeting, the issue would be addressed as a full agenda item in open session at the next full Council meeting on 26 October 2026.

261. GRANTS

i) Members received an update on grants already allocated.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members received a request for funding from Broadstairs Cricket Club

RESOLVED: that a grant of £1200 is awarded to the club to enable girls only training sessions to be undertaken in eight Broadstairs schools.

iii) Members received an outline proposal from House of Comfort.

RESOLVED: That members like the project in principle but need evidence of need, details of how Broadstairs women will be identified as potential invitees/beneficiaries and a breakdown of funding and expenditure at the last two very similar events before they can decide whether a Town Council grant is the most suitable source of funding.

262. BUDGET 2026=27

Members reviewed a summary of Council income and expenditure for the first half of 2026-27 by cost code. The Town Clerk (RFO explained that by moving a misappropriated payment of the Microsoft licences from IT(13) to Licences (12), both cost codes were now in order and she had no concerns about any aspect of the current budget so far. Members asked questions which were answered to their satisfaction.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note the report.

263. BUDGET 2027-28

i) Members received a report from the Town Clerk and considered any major changes to the format of the next budget.

RESOLVED: That there is no need to change the format of the budget which appears to be meeting the current needs of the Town Council.

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

RESOLVED:

i) That the current Future Asset Refurbishment reserve be separated out to capital and revenue reserves to demonstrate more clearly to the tax payer which monies have been specifically collected via the sale of assets and by precept collection.

ii) That the top up of reserves will be considered by the budget setting group.

iii) Members received the NALC analysis of council tax levels of local precepting authorities 2026/27.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

iv) Members considered appointing a working group to work through the budget ready for scrutiny by the whole committee at the budget meeting of 14 December 2026.

RESOLVED: That an additional committee meeting be held at 7pm on Wednesday 25 November 2026 to finalise the draft budget.

The following item was discussed after a resolution to exclude the public under standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

264. PIERREMONT PARK

Members received an update from the Town Clerk on an informal meeting with TDC officers concerning their proposal to transfer the asset to the Town Council. Members noted that the TDC cabinet report and press release regarding the transfer of the park to the Town Council had been published prior to any discussion with Town Council officers or councillors. It had therefore been withdrawn to give the Town Council time to discuss the proposal and assess the level of interest.

RESOLVED:

i) That the Town Clerk will produce a preliminary report for

discussion in open session at the next Council meeting.
ii) That Pierremont Depot and the Pride in Place Impact fund project also need to be discussed as the three issues are intertwined.

Members of the public were permitted to re-enter the meeting.

265. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING - Monday 14 December 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Meeting closed at 19.57

Signed _____ Date _____