MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2026 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr P Oakes
Cllrs: L Clarke, S Lees, M Sewart, and T Swatridge
Officers in attendance: Kate McDowell (Deputy Town Clerk),

1. To note if anyone attending or present at the Committee meeting declares that they are making or intends to make an audio recording and/or film the meeting.

The Chair confirmed that the meeting is recorded for the purpose of minute taking and the recording is deleted when draft minutes are agreed. There were no other declarations of a recording at the meeting.

2. Questions from members of the public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

3. Apologies for absence

Cllrs: M Beanland, D Belcher

4. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Cllr Oakes declared an interest in agenda item 9 as he proposed the Charity and will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

5. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th May 2026

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 11th May 2026 are an accurate record of the meeting, (NC)**

6 .To note there are no outstanding items on the action log for 2025-2026

**RESOLVED: That the action log for 2024-2025 is received. (NC)**

7. To receive the Income & Expenditure Q1 report for 2026.

The Deputy Clerk explained why some of the cost codes were not on target. Members discussed the reports.

**RESOLVED: That the income and Expenditure report for Q1 2026 is received (NC)**

8. To receive the internal controls review carried out by Cllr T Swatridge for July 2026.

Cllr Swatridge confirmed no anomalies were identified during the check.

**RESOLVED: That the internal controls review for July 2026 was received (NC)**

*Cllr Oakes left the meeting and the Vice Chair, Cllr Sewart took over the Chair temporarily.*

9 To consider and agree the request from COPs to donate £5,0000 opening donation for Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) testing in Poynton.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that there was no budget line in the 2026 budget for this and if it were agreed, the opening donation would need to come from general reserves, with the Deputy Mayor fundraising the balance.
Cllrs agreed the CRY testing was a very good cause and the Council should donate towards this at least this one year to see what the results and take up of the service.
It should also be heavily advertised to ensure the best take-up possible.

**RESOLVED: That the Town Council should make a donation of £5,000 from general reserves to help fund the CRY testing in Poynton in 2027 (NC)**

*Cllr Oakes returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.*

10. To agree the use of CIL funds

**RESOLVED: That CIL funds should be used for:**

- **Lite – repairs to tree lights £230**
- **Civic Hall lighting £1,839**
- **SID backplates £260.34**
- **Hedge clearing on footpath on Glastonbury Drive £625**
- **Replacement of swings at Mount Vernon Park £790**
- **Replacement of swings at Lower Park Crescent £1,160**
- **Replacement bench Fleetbank Farm £396.70**
- **Replacement oak for the bench on Park Lane £570.72**
- **Commando sockets for Christmas Lights (NC)**

11. To note the purchase of the van at a cost of £25,000, livery at £450 and the EV charger at a cost of £1,840 will be funded from CIL.

**RESOLVED: The purchase of the van at a cost of £25,000, livery at £450 and the EV charger at a cost of £1,840 will be funded from CIL was noted (NC)**

12. To agree to using £800 from General Reserves for the Civic Awards Event.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that £800 was supposed to be earmarked at the end of the financial year but it was overlooked, so it will now need to come out of general reserves.

**RESOLVED: That £800 should be taken from General Reserves to help fund the Civic Awards Event. (NC)**

13. To receive and consider the payment schedules for April, May and June 2026 as verified by the Chairman.

Members reviewed the payment schedules:

**RESOLVED**: **To receive the payment schedules for**
**April 2026**
**Current account £ 376,613.90**
**Nationwide account £191.56 (interest to current account)**

**May 2026**
**Current account £73,453.65**
**Deposit account £50,000**

**June 2026**
**Current account £76,706.33**
**Deposit £50,000**

**as verified by the Chairman**. **(NC)**

13. To note that the Chair has verified the bank reconciliation for April, May and June 2026.

**RESOLVED: That that the Chair has verified the bank reconciliation for April, May and June 2026 (NC).**

14. Communication Messages
- CRY testing and fundraising, when appropriate
- As the items listed at point 10 above are completed, publicise each one to show Poynton Town Council have repaired/replaced each item.

Meeting end time: 08.25 pm

Signed……..

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