

NORTHWICH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE, AMENITIES AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th DECEMBER 2025 at 6.00pm

Members Present : Cllr R Cernik
Cllr K Cernik
Cllr C Fox
Cllr R Waterman
Cllr A Kent
Cllr J Macdonald
Cllr C Stewart

Also Present : Chris Shaw – Chief Officer
Cath Kirwan – Deputy Chief Officer/RFO

FIN26/60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE OR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr L Siddall, Cllr S Naylor and Cllr T Melville

FIN 26/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Waterman declared an interest in any matters relating to Cheshire West and Chester.

FIN 26/62 SIGNING OF THE MINUTES

Minutes of the Finance, Amenities and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 17th November 2025 and to be noted at Full Council meeting on Monday 8th December 2025.

Proposed Cllr R Waterman, seconded Cllr C Fox, all agreed

FIN 26/63 DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE BY BUDGET

RFO answered various members questions relating to budget headings.

Proposed Cllr M Macdonald, seconded Cllr C Stewart, all agreed

FIN 26/64 BACS DUE FOR PAYMENT

Bacs payments and direct debit figure approved £135,283.61.

Proposed Cllr C Fox, seconded Cllr J Macdonald, all agreed

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**

FIN 26/65 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CHECK PAYMENTS

Members chose two payments from both November 2025 payments. DCO/RFO provided the evidence for:

LITE - £28,348.80
Heavenly Coffee Company - £326.20

FIN 26/66 PRECEPT 2026/2027

Members discussed our current budget and what increases/savings could be made going forward. All income and expenditure was discussed especially around the following items.

Van leasing – NTC have leased electric vehicles which will see a saving, figure to be confirmed.

Elections – We will now budget for elections.

Additional Town Centre Enhancements – Additional budget enhance the town centre.

CW&C Licencing – Additional budget to cover CW&C Licencing fees.

Staff Costs – increase due to ongoing staff costs.

Chief Officer to present draft budget in January inclusive of full justification statement.

FIN 26/67 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting Monday 19th January 2026 at 6.00pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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**Cllr Kate Cernik
Chair**